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George Medal for Lisa Potts and bravery awards for Philip Lawrence and teachers of Dunblane

## Honours for courage of school staff

By ADRIAN LEE, SHIRLEY ENGLISH AND ARTHUR LEATHLEY

FIVE school workers who ignored the risks to themselves to protect children coming under attack are honoured for their courage today — two of them posthumously.

Lisa Potts, the nursery nurse who shielded a group of children from a man with a machete, is awarded the George Medal — Britain's second highest civilian honour for bravery.

Philip Lawrence, the London headmaster stabbed to death trying to save a pupil from a street gang, is awarded the Queen's Gallantry Medal.

And three teachers shot in the Dunblane massacre 15 months ago are awarded the Queen's Commendation for Bravery. Gwen Mayor was killed by Thomas Hamilton along with 16 of her class of six-year-olds. Her colleagues Eileen Harrild and Mary Blake, who are also recognised in the Queen's Birthday Honours today, were each shot four times and neither has yet returned to work.

Asked yesterday why the five had received different awards, a Downing Street spokesman said: "The committee looked at each set of circumstances, they were all tragic and each called for bravery. The degree of bravery shown was considered in a very comprehensive way, and they decided these were appropriate awards in respect of each set of circumstances."

Miss Potts, 22, hid children under her skirt when Horrett Campbell ran amok during a teddy bears' picnic at St Luke's infant school, Wolverhampton, last summer, slashing at three- and four-year-olds at



George Medal: second highest civilian award

with a metal bar and threatened him with knives. Mr Lawrence intervened, and was stabbed as the gang ran away.

The three other honoured teachers are commended "for bravery at Dunblane Primary School on March 13, 1996". Mrs Blake, a special needs teacher who was shot in the legs and head, said yesterday: "I had no idea we would even be considered for something like this. So when I found out about ten days ago I just started to cry. I felt very honoured and delighted, but at the same time very sad for the reasons I was receiving it."

Today's honours list, which was largely compiled by John Major, also includes the usual clutch of awards for sportsmen, business and the arts. The artist David Hockney becomes a Companion of Honour and the jazz singer Cleo Laine a dame. Life peerages are awarded to Sir Peter Levene, Mr Major's former efficiency adviser, Lord Marshall, Sir Peter Inge, former Chief of the Defence Staff, and Sir Colin Cowdrey, the former England cricket captain who is now chairman of the International Cricket Council. The present England captain, Michael Atherton is appointed OBE.

New knights include the actor Donald Sinden, playwright Tom Stoppard, and yachtsman Chay Blyth, while the fashion designer Zandra Rhodes and Nick Park, creator of Wallace and Gromit, are appointed CBE.

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Lisa Potts yesterday: "I can't believe it. I wasn't thinking about being brave, all I was thinking about was the children"

## Opinion leaders think system is outdated

By VALERIE ELLIOTT  
WHITEHALL EDITOR

AN overwhelming number of Britain's opinion leaders believe the honours system urgently needs reform.

They believe the present system places too much patronage in the hands of the Prime Minister, and most of them want honours to be awarded by a new independent commission.

Most of the 100 people surveyed, including two government ministers, 20 peers and MPs, a permanent secretary and 50 chief executives, managing directors, chief economists and partners from top City firms, also believe it is

now time to change the name of the British Empire Medal to something representing more modern times.

The survey for *The Times* by Opinion Leader Research also reveals that most of those interviewed consider the present system outdated.

Tony Blair has already made clear that he wants to overhaul the system and is expected to call for a review when he has a clearer idea of the best way forward.

According to the survey, 60 per cent of opinion leaders also think it "grossly unfair" that, while the wife of a peer or knight is automatically styled Lady, the husband of a woman who becomes a work-

ing peer or Dame receives no title. About 22 per cent disagreed, and 18 per cent had no views.

In the survey, conducted last week, about 71 per cent called for the system to be urgently reformed, while 21 per cent preferred that it be left alone.

Eighty per cent had no view. Similarly, 68 per cent said the honours system placed too much patronage in the hands of the Prime Minister compared to the 17 per cent who disagreed. Some 68 per cent also believed the British Empire medals should be replaced with a new honour, while 23 per cent opposed the idea and 9 per cent had no views. Of those who called for

its replacement, 36 per cent suggested the new medal should be called the Order of Great Britain or the Order of the British Isles, while 20 per cent supported a Citizen's or Citizenship Award, 12 per cent a Society or Community Award, 12 per cent the Order of the Commonwealth and 8 per cent the Order of the United Kingdom. Twelve per cent were undecided.

About 59 per cent supported an independent Honours Commission, 26 per cent disagreed, and 15 per cent had no views.

Adhering to Labour policy since the Wilson era, Mr Blair vetoed political honours in yesterday's list, which was prepared under John Major's premiership. A total of 45 honours were rejected. In future the Prime Minister wants teachers, health workers and police to be rewarded ahead of long-serving civil servants.

### Stores ban the sale of alcopops

Major store chains have banned the sale of alcopops and called on other major retailers to do the same. The Co-op, Iceland stores, and the United Nations group have all imposed the ban.

Tony Blair yesterday signalled a crackdown on manufacturers who tempt underage drinkers. Page 2

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## Minister shocked by poor school standards

By JOHN O'LEARY, EDUCATION EDITOR

HALF of all state schools are under-performing, the minister responsible for school standards said yesterday.

Stephen Byers, in an interview with *The Times*, said he had been shocked by the extent of under-achievement in schools. "The standards debate has been hijacked by 300-400 failing schools when the real issue concerns perhaps 50 per cent which are not doing enough with the pupils they are responsible for."

His estimate is higher than that given by Chris Woodhead, the Chief Inspector of Schools, earlier this year. He said in his annual report that standards needed to rise in half of all primary schools but only two-fifths of the secondary sector. Conservative ministers shied away from quantifying under-achievement.

Mr Byers said the 2 per cent of schools failing inspections were often "absolutely appalling", but no Government had tackled the much larger group that needed to improve. "These schools are not failing, they are not even seriously weak, they are just getting by. But if we are going to hit our targets and be serious about

doing something worthwhile, these are the schools that matter."

Mr Byers described a weekend spent reading the reports of all 218 failing schools as "the most depressing of my political life". But he said that raising standards in the half of schools causing concern was the main challenge to be addressed in next month's White Paper.

The comments brought immediate condemnation from classroom teachers' unions. Nigel de Gruchy, the General Secretary of the National Association of Schoolmasters

and Union of Women Teachers, said he was "staggered" by the claim that half of all schools were under-performing. He said: "Education is an area in which you can never achieve perfection."

Doug McAvoy, the General Secretary of the National Union of Teachers, said schools lacked the support necessary to improve.

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## Police could face random drug tests

By STEWART TENDLER, CRIME CORRESPONDENT

POLICE chiefs are studying plans for the introduction of random drug testing in their forces.

Guidelines have been sent by the Association of Police Officers to all 43 forces in England and Wales. *The Times* has learnt. The 60-page document details the equipment required for drug tests and gives advice on the legal problems that the introduction of widespread testing would bring.

The move comes as senior ranks acknowledge that they are recruiting from a generation where drug use is rife. One recent survey showed that a third of all teenagers in Britain had tried drugs — the highest percentage in the European Union.

Police fear that officers breaking the law in this way could be open to corruption and blackmail. There have been several cases where officers involved in raids have kept drugs for their personal use or started dealing.

Random tests are already carried out by the Army, the Royal Navy, prisons, public schools, businesses, airlines, rail and shipping companies. Last year the Army carried out 20,000 and recently 12 soldiers

from the Black Watch were sacked for taking soft drugs. Testing has also revealed drug taking within the Household Cavalry.

In the United States, tests on police officers are widely used. A computer picks out a payroll number and the officer is required to give a blood or urine specimen. Some forces now also test using a hair from the scalp. Hair holds drug traces much longer.

Dr Ian Oliver, the Chief Constable of Grampian, has said that he will introduce random testing but it has not begun yet.

Officers who are caught using drugs generally leave quietly but cases include a young London officer who left a few weeks ago after being arrested off-duty taking cocaine outside a Brighton club. Another Metropolitan police officer was arrested last year as visited a drug dealer to buy cannabis.

The guidance will be unveiled at a national police drugs conference next week chaired by Keith Hellawell, the Chief Constable of West Yorkshire. He said yesterday: "It is a big issue for society and we are only just on the fringes of it."

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# MPs urge Straw to overhaul rape law

By RICHARD FORD  
HOME CORRESPONDENT

JACK STRAW is under pressure to overhaul the way rape cases are dealt with by the courts in an attempt to prevent women's previous sexual experience being revealed.

More than 100 MPs have signed a Commons motion calling for sweeping changes to court procedures in rape cases and the creation of a new offence to deal with "date rape".

The Home Office is currently carrying out a study into how rape cases are dealt with from the moment they are reported to the end of a trial. It is looking at how each stage of the criminal justice system deals with rape cases amid concern that the

number of convictions has dropped in spite of a rise in the number of reported rapes.

Last year reported rapes rose to 5,700 but less than a third resulted in a prosecution, and only about one in ten of them ended in a conviction. In the early 1980s the conviction rate was as high as one in three.

The Commons motion demands an end to the right of an accused rapist to cross-examine the victim and restricts a multiple cross-examination of a woman in cases where there is more than one defendant. Officials at the Home Office are examining whether restrictions could be imposed on accused rapists conducting their own defence. This follows the case of Julia Mason, who was

questioned for six days by her attacker — who appeared in the same clothes he wore during the attack.

The motion also calls for identity parades to be conducted behind mirror glass in an attempt to avoid upsetting women and preventing intimidation. Jill Seward, the victim in the Ealing vicarage rape, said: "I want the Government to take notice of the strength of support in the Commons for reform of the rape laws, and I hope we soon see a real difference being made to the way rape victims are treated."

Miss Seward said reform of laws and court procedures involving rape cases was long overdue. "Victims of rape have a very bad deal in court. The police have done a lot to

encourage women to report rape. It is the court system that has not changed enough.

"Being raped is bad enough but having to go to court is like having to undergo the whole thing again."

Her most controversial proposal would create a new offence to deal with date rape, and would carry a maximum five-year jail sentence. She said: "It would deal with all the grey areas where maybe a woman said 'no' but everything else including the mood music were saying 'yes'. It would deal with those cases where consent had not been obtained but where the sexual act was not premeditated and is not violent."

Miss Seward was speaking on the eve of a conference on rape and the

criminal justice system to be held in London. Delegates at today's conference will hear Alice Vachss, a US attorney who made her reputation by taking "unprosecutable" cases involving unsympathetic victims, want special prosecutors to take rape cases in court.

A national helpline for victims of crime is to be set up, Mr Straw said yesterday. The Government is giving an extra £1m to the charity Victim Support, part of which will fund the helpline. It will be operated by unpaid volunteers working from Victim Support's national headquarters in southwest London. The helpline will operate only a few hours each day but if demand exists it will become a 24-hour service.

## Stores put ban on alcopops to reduce underage drinking

By CHRIS AYRES

LEADING store chains yesterday banned the sale of alcopops and called on other retailers to do the same.

The Co-op, Iceland stores, and the United Northwest group said they would be clearing the shelves in a total of more than 2,000 shops.

The move came on the day that the Prime Minister signalled a crackdown on manufacturers who tempt underage drinkers. It also came the day after the Health Secretary launched a strong attack on alcopops manufacturers, saying they were deliberately trying to get children addicted to alcohol.

Bill Shannon, head of the Co-op's buying and marketing team, said: "As responsible retailers, we feel the time has come to act, given the concern expressed by our own customers, pressure groups and the Government."

"We believe these drinks are designed specifically to appeal to young people and are, in fact, largely consumed by under-18s who cannot legally buy them."

Mr Shannon also criticised the self-policing of drinks manufacturers, carried out by the industry-funded Portman Group, saying: "It is inadequate and ultimately powerless to stop such drinks

coming onto the market." Malcolm Walker, the chairman of Iceland, said the move was prompted by customer concern. "Whilst commercially this decision will hurt, as a family company we must act responsibly and reflect the views of our customers."

"There is definite evidence that these drinks are encouraging under age drinking — this can't be tolerated."

"We very much hope that our action will motivate other retailers to do likewise and would ask manufacturers of these products to consider their community obligations."

The store, which stocks two brands of alcopops in six flavours, will begin clearing its shelves of the drinks on Monday at all its 770 stores.

A United Northwest spokesman said: "We are the first store taking alcopops off our shelves. The rest of the co-operatives will start acting on Monday. We are the country's third largest Co-op and this is a very significant addition."

The move will add to the pressure on drinks manufacturers, which earn an estimated £250 million a year in alcopops sales, to stop producing the drinks or introduce stricter controls on their sale. But Bass, which produces two-thirds of all alcopops,

including Hooper's Hooch and Red, reacted angrily to the ban. "We are disappointed with the Co-op's actions and totally disagree with their comments regarding alcopops."

"Under-age drinking will not be eradicated by arbitrarily targeting or demonising popular drinks which are enjoyed responsibly by the vast majority of consumers."

Tesco, Sainsbury's and Safeway's rejected the Co-op call and refused to remove alcopops from their shelves. However, all three retailers said they were introducing tough new measures to combat the selling of alcohol to under-18s.

John Gildersleeve, a director of Tesco, said: "After listening to our customers, it is clear the majority do not favour a total ban."

"However, they do want further action."

Tesco is demanding that alcopops carry stronger warning labels and it has banned all in-store alcopops promotions. "This new package will send a clear message to the industry that we will not tolerate the products in our stores if they are targeted at children," Mr Gildersleeve added.

Asda said it was meeting with suppliers to insist on stricter control of marketing and labelling of the products. Sainsbury is putting stickers over the barcodes of alcopops to remind staff to check the customer's age, and Safeway's is banning all alcopops promotions.

A spokeswoman for J Sainsbury said: "We don't make moral decisions on behalf of our customers. Where there is a demand for a product, we believe customers should have a choice."



The hirsute Kenneth Clarke believes that William Hague, his balding rival is younger only on paper

## Hague may be the junior but Clarke's still young at heart

By ANDREW PIERCE, POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

KENNETH CLARKE, the hirsute elder statesman of the Tory leadership contest, yesterday sought to portray the young pretender William Hague as a balding fogey who was old before his time.

The former chancellor, 56, attacked his principal rival's image which has been so carefully honed by communications specialists. As the gloves came off in the Tory leadership contest Mr Clarke branded Mr Hague, who at 36 is 20 years his junior, as "completely woolly", on policy, divisive over Europe, and a frump to boot who was only younger on paper.

While Mr Clarke attempted to demolish the "skip-a-generation" argument, which has seen Mr Hague become the bookmakers' favourite, Barness Thatcher

has decided not to intervene in the leadership contest. She has rejected pleas from supporters of John Redwood for an eve of poll endorsement.

Mr Clarke, who is Lady Thatcher's least preferred candidate, rejected the notion that the big attraction to Tory MPs in next Tuesday's ballot was that Mr Hague would be only 41 at the next election in 2002.

"Younger?" he said. "It says so on his birth certificate. I agree. But I am not sure he is otherwise."

In an interview in *The Scotsman* he said "I will be only 61", making clear that, by world standards, it was still a relatively junior age to be Prime Minister. Mr Hague has pledged to exploit his so called youth appeal.

## Talks fail to resolve railway dispute

By ARTHUR LEATHLEY  
TRANSPORT CORRESPONDENT

THOUSANDS of rail travellers in the South East face continued disruption today with almost one in three trains likely to be cancelled because of industrial action by drivers.

Connex South Central expects to cancel 435 trains from Sussex, Surrey and Hampshire into Victoria and London Bridge as members of the drivers' union Aslef continue a ban on overtime and rest-day working. A further 179 trains will be completely out of their journeys because of the action over a restructuring deal involving pay, hours and working practices.

Many commuters were delayed yesterday as one in five trains — a total of 334 — were cancelled in the most extensive action to trouble the newly privatised rail companies. Talks broke up without agreement yesterday but union leaders will consider new proposals put forward by management. Special trains planned for tomorrow's London to Brighton bicycle ride will be cancelled.

The company faces the threat of further industrial action from train guards belonging to the Rail Maritime and Transport Union. Union members at Eastbourne are pressing for a ballot on strikes in protest at assaults on staff. The company said it had launched a security operation to tackle the assaults but the union said a request for a risk assessment has been turned down.

The dispute comes as the company follows other train operators that have introduced new working arrangements after privatisation. Most agreements have been reached without industrial action, surprising analysts who expected rail unions to flex their muscles with the break-up of the British Rail management structure.

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# Bored guard started blaze that killed woman firefighter

By KATHRYN KNIGHT

A SECURITY guard who lived in a fantasy world set fire to a store in Bristol to relieve his boredom. The blaze claimed the life of a 21-year-old woman, the first female firefighter to die in service.

Yesterday, Martin Cody was convicted of the manslaughter of Fleur Lombard, who died in a fireball that burst off her protective clothing and breathing apparatus. He was also found guilty of deliberately setting fire to Len's supermarket in Staple Hill on his first nightshift on February 4 last year.

The court was told that Miss Lombard had died doing the job she loved. She had just completed her two-year probationary period with Avon Fire Brigade and had joined the Blue Watch at Speedwell Fire Station, based minutes from the store.

The vivacious young woman had established herself as an integral part of the watch, although one of only eight women among Avon's 700 firefighters. She had been awarded a Silver Axe as the best recruit of her intake.

During the trial at Exeter



Cody: sentencing will take place in September

Crown Court, which began on June 4, the jury were told of the events that led to Miss Lombard's death. Hours before he started the blaze, Cody arrived for duty wearing a jacket covered with badges, American chevrons and police medals over his security guard uniform.

Paul Chadd, for the prosecution, told the jury, which included eight women, that before the fire Cody had said he was bored and wanted something exciting to happen.

It was his first day on duty at the two-storey building, where he told Louise Mains, a shop assistant: "This is boring, I wish something exciting would happen." About an hour later, smoke began to fill the store rapidly, Mr Chadd said.

Cody had started the blaze in packing materials in the meat preparation room in the warehouse. He was the only person in uniform in the store, where he was twice seen going through swing doors towards the warehouse — an area where he was not required to go and should not have been.

Afterwards, Cody had seemed "happy": a witness had seen him punching downwards with his clenched fist, shouting "Yes" in a gesture like a "footballer who had just scored a goal". Within minutes of the recovery of Miss Lombard's body, Cody had telephoned a colleague at the security firm to tell him about the fire. He had added: "It is a good one, it is total."

Detectives had arrested Cody two days later, when they became suspicious about his unusual and erratic behaviour after the fire.

Cody, a loner who was extensively bullied at school, had built up a bizarre fantasy world. He became obsessed with military affairs at a young age and built up a collection of military badges, sewing them to his jackets and pyjamas, and telling colleagues he was in the Army, working as a corporal in charge of "squaddies", or on an undercover assignment.

During his school years a number of unexplained small fires broke out in bins, waste piles and behind sheds, often when he was in the vicinity.



Fleur Lombard was said by her parents to have died doing what she wanted to do

After leaving school he went into a string of jobs as a security guard which coincided with minor incidents, such as apparent acts of vandalism, or repeated emergency service call-outs.

His final act of vandalism was to take a young woman's life, the court was told. After his arrest, Cody had continued his day-dreaming, telling detectives he would have liked to join the police as a member of the tactical firearms unit.

Yesterday Cody, from Bristol, stared ahead impassively as Mr Justice Tuckey said that

sentencing would be adjourned until September 1 for pre-sentence reports, including medical reports. His trial was moved to Exeter from Bristol because of the level of publicity surrounding Miss Lombard's death.

Outside the court her parents, Roger and Jane Lombard, spoke of their relief that the trial was over. The couple had chosen not to attend the whole trial but had spent the time in Cornwall, visiting the Church of Saint Endoc at Trebetheric, where their daughter's ashes are buried.

"It is an area she was very fond of and people who know it will understand why we decided her ashes should be there," Mr Lombard said.

"We are all extremely proud of her. She died doing what she wanted to do. We are very pleased with the verdict, and pleased with the implication that this young man may get psychiatric help. If this is the way the sentencing comes out, it would be a good thing."

Mrs Lombard said: "I never wanted Fleur to join the service. But it is what she wanted to do. She knew the risks."

## 'As soon as we laid her down, I heard someone say: she's gone'

By KATHRYN KNIGHT

JURORS wept as they heard the harrowing details of Fleur Lombard's final minutes. Fireman Robert Seaman, who had entered the burning building with Miss Lombard, told the court of his desperate attempt to find her after losing contact with her in the pitch black, smoke-filled building.

She had shouted "Evacuate" to her colleagues moments before she was engulfed in a fireball, the court was told. The two, both wearing breathing apparatus and carrying a guideline, fought through intense smoke searching for anyone stranded inside. They had crawled along through searing heat as explosions sounded over their heads until Mr Seaman told his partner that they would have to leave.

"Both the heat and noise had increased dramatically and I heard Fleur shout 'Evacuate'. We turned round, which made me the lead person. We maintained physical contact, holding on to each other's breathing apparatus straps. I looked up and could see the flames above me," Mr Seaman said.

They started to crawl back but broke into a trot as the explosions increased and Miss Lombard overtook him. Mr Seaman said he could not remember if he had blacked out, but found himself on the floor with no sign of Miss Lombard.

Assuming she had made her way out he left the building, to be told by waiting firefighters that Miss Lombard had not emerged. In fact, she had been caught in a "flash-over", a rogue sheet of

flame rushing through the building. The crew ran inside to find Miss Lombard kneeling with her head towards the wall, Mr Seaman said.

As his colleagues sprayed jets, he pulled her back by the shoulders. "Her breathing apparatus just fell off," he said. "I could not see her mask or helmet and her tunic was just not there from the chest level down to her knees."

Mr Seaman helped to carry Miss Lombard to the store entrance, where he collapsed. He was later treated for minor burns to his back, ears and arm.

Patrick Foley, who was with the hose team and returned with rescuers to find Miss Lombard, told how he had helped to rescue Miss Lombard's body.

"I could see only the remains of clothing on her body. I could not see her mask or helmet. As soon as we laid her down, I heard someone say, 'She's gone.'" Miss Lombard was dead on arrival at Frenchay Hospital in Bristol. More than 60 firefighters took four hours to control the blaze, which caused damage estimated at £2 million and destroyed the building.

A black granite memorial to Miss Lombard stands outside the store, which was rebuilt a year after the fire. The memorial plaque contains brief details of her death and the inscription: "She was an inspiration to us all."

Detective Sergeant Steve Gittens, a senior police investigator, said after the verdict that it had been a "very emotional case. A lot of effort went into the case and we are very pleased at the outcome."

# Priest forgives student who nearly killed him

By RUTH GLEDHILL, RELIGION CORRESPONDENT

A PRIEST stabbed in the back by a parishioner publicly forgave his attacker last night as the man was sent to a secure psychiatric unit.

Father Edward Carroll, 65, escaped death after the 5in blade went within less than half an inch of his aorta, the Old Bailey was told. "If anyone deserved divine intervention, it was this good man," said Helena Kennedy, QC, in mitigation for Nicholas Top.

But even with the knife up to its hilt in his back, the Roman Catholic priest said he felt calm and at peace, and bore no animosity towards his attacker. Last night Father Carroll, of the Sacred Heart church in Islington, who needed a week in hospital and two months' recuperation, said he felt himself forgive Top as he stood in his presbytery kitchen with the knife protruding from his back.

"There was no sense of anger or revenge," he said. "Without any effort on my part, forgiveness was there."

The priest knew that Top, 27, a French student from a Catholic family, suffered from mental illness, although it had never manifested itself before. He had met him at meetings held for people interested in Catholicism.

He had let the student in after he had frantically rung the bell, saying he was possessed. Once inside, he told Father Carroll: "I want the sacred blood. Give me the sacred blood. I am possessed."

Give me the precious blood. This is the night the anti-Christ comes. This is the night of the curse."

Brian Altman, for the prosecution, said: "Father Carroll told him he was not in any state to receive communion, but he would give him an appropriate blessing."

As he looked for a blessing, Top asked for a glass of water. Once in the kitchen he asked for a slice of bread and appeared calm. As the priest went to get butter from the fridge, "he felt a solid blow in the back — and a numbness".

His attacker went to a friend's home and rang the police, telling them he thought he had killed the priest. The court was told that Top, diagnosed as a paranoid schizophrenic, had been taking



Carroll: felt calm, even with a knife in his back

medication and functioning well.

But he became ill and delusional early last year and more chaotic in taking medication. "He thought he was being pursued by evil forces," Miss Kennedy said.

Top, of Holloway, north London, admitted wounding Judge Richard Hutchinson told him that, although his moral guilt was little because of his illness, the public must be protected. He sent him to the secure unit of Chase Farm hospital in Enfield, north London, indefinitely. "It means that you will be subject to review and cannot be released until it is safe to do so," he said.

Father Carroll, described in court as being "renowned as an incredible and compassionate man and for his pastoral care", said yesterday: "If he knocked on the door tonight I would invite him in, but I would not let him into the kitchen again," he said, describing how he had been threatened before by other parishioners.

"In a previous parish I was threatened by a man who said he had a gun. I said: 'Go on, shoot me.' The gun turned out to be a cigarette lighter." The incident had not tested his faith at all, he added.

But he is still physically weak and cannot walk around much. He spends more time indoors as a result. Some wound pain may not entirely settle, the court was told.

# Parker Bowles may face charges

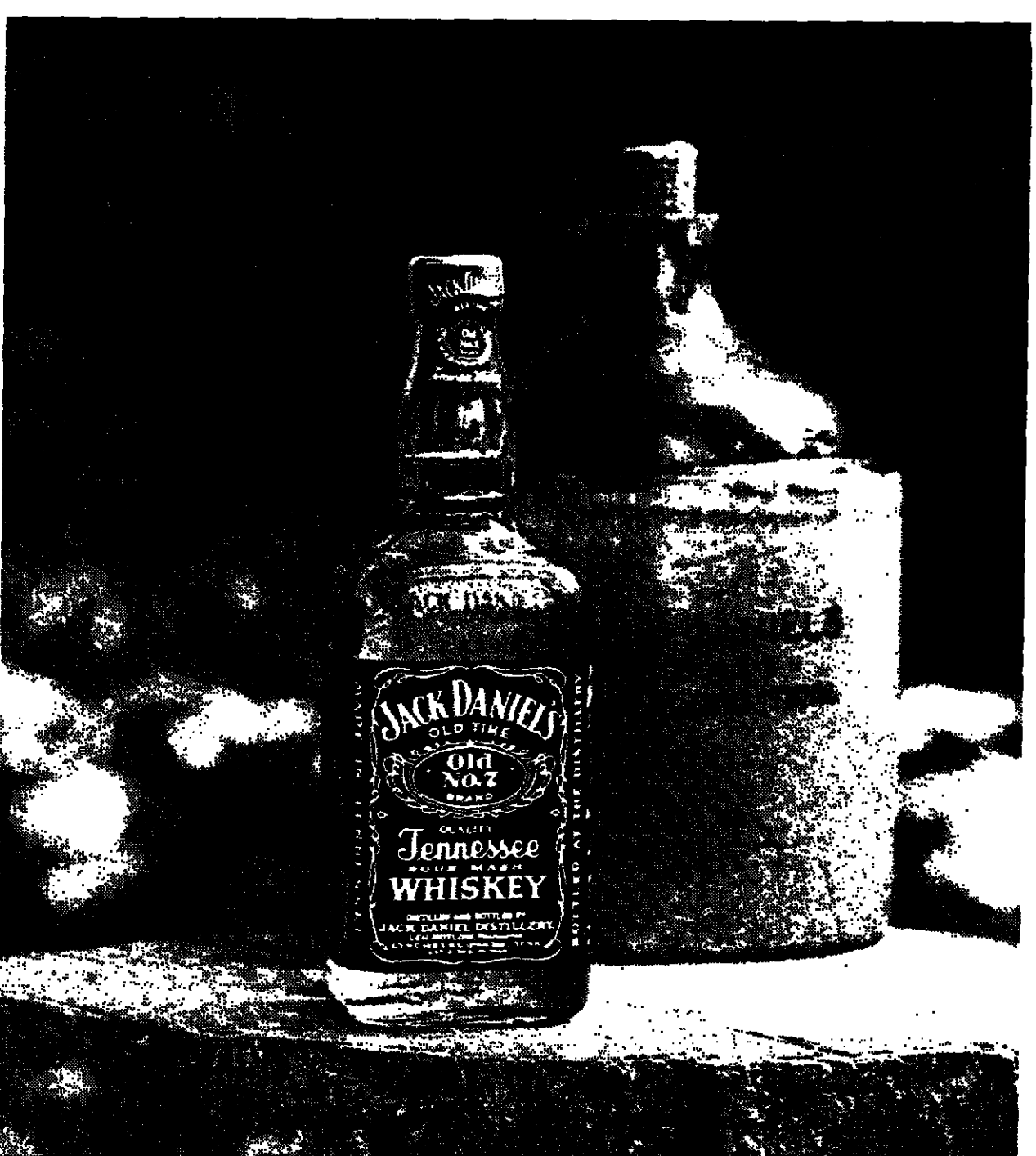
By JOANNA BAILE

CHARGES over the head-on car crash between Camilla Parker Bowles and an interior designer have not been ruled out, Wiltshire police said yesterday.

Inspector Geoffrey Hicks said that officers were investigating the cause of the accident and the actions of Mrs Parker Bowles, who left the scene of the crash to summon help on her mobile telephone.

He said: "At this stage we are not saying 'yes' or 'no' to charges. The explanation Mrs Parker Bowles has given for leaving is that the area where the accident took place was a poor radio signal and, because it was urgent, she walked to higher ground to make the call. Because she is classed as a security risk she had to contact Highgrove or security officers there."

Mrs Parker Bowles suffered a minor head injury when her Ford Mondeo collided with a Volvo driven by Carolyn Melville-Smith on a narrow country lane four miles from Highgrove, the Prince of Wales's home, on Wednesday evening. Ms Melville-Smith, 53, was briefly trapped in her car, which landed on its side in a ditch.



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# Pets suffer too as more people become allergic to modern life

By GLEN OWEN

MORE than half the population will soon suffer from allergies, with even the household pet falling victim, a conference was told yesterday.

The British Allergy Foundation told a meeting at the Royal Society of Medicine that 35 per cent of the population suffers from allergic reactions to food, pets, insects, dust or pollen, with symptoms ranging from runny eyes to swollen joints and even suffocation. Muriel Stevens, chief executive of the foundation, said that the numbers were rising.

"These reactions are increasing dramatically, and we think that in the very near future more than one in two people will be affected. It is important people realise the scale of the problem," she said. Paul Oliver Smith, a vet, told the meeting that pets were not only trigger-

ing reactions in human beings, they were also being affected by us. He said some of the symptoms of affliction — bloating, nausea, vomiting and irritated skin — were now being seen in household animals. "I have seen every human symptom of reaction repeated in pets, except for the most extreme reaction, suffocation."

"In reverse, pets are generating allergies in us. Broody women clutching animals when they want to get pregnant are building allergies into that pregnancy. When the child is born it is more likely to be allergic to pets and other triggers. Also, we think that now women are waiting longer to have children they are coming into contact with more allergens than they used to, which is having an effect on their offspring."

A research paper presented to the conference suggested that both pets and

human beings were being sensitised by an increase in pollution, and cited studies linking increased rates of asthma to traffic emissions. It also blamed indoor pollution, arguing that changes in housing habits over the past 40 years had nurtured allergens. Wall-to-wall carpeting and more humid indoor climates had encouraged house dust mites, which could trigger reactions.

The meeting also heard that people were becoming increasingly prone to nut allergies, with children particularly vulnerable. It said more than 100,000 children were now affected in Britain.

The parents of one sufferer, six-year-old Joshua Day, said the reactions could be extreme. "If he eats a peanut he could die," said his father, Vic. "He has to take adrenaline around with him in case he eats one by accident and has to inject himself to reverse the swelling."



**BY JAMES LANDALE, POLITICAL REPORTER**

would be advertised widely and candidates would be appointed strictly on merit.



Secretary, is to scrap the register of names for appointment to Welsh quangos. Mr Davies is determined to end the "jobs for the boys" culture in Wales despite attempts by a number of officials in departments across Whitehall to block the plan. Mr Davies said that in future all posts would be advertised widely and candidates would be appointed strictly on merit.

BY RICHARD FORD AND MARK HENDERSON

"This isn't the end of it and although we're obviously pleased at what's happened today for the two lads, things are just beginning. We have lost everything."

BY MICHAEL HORSNELL

But Mr Carman said he did not foresee that Lady Pippewell needed to be interviewed or called as a witness.

Mr Aitken, 54, who resigned from TV-am in 1988, has

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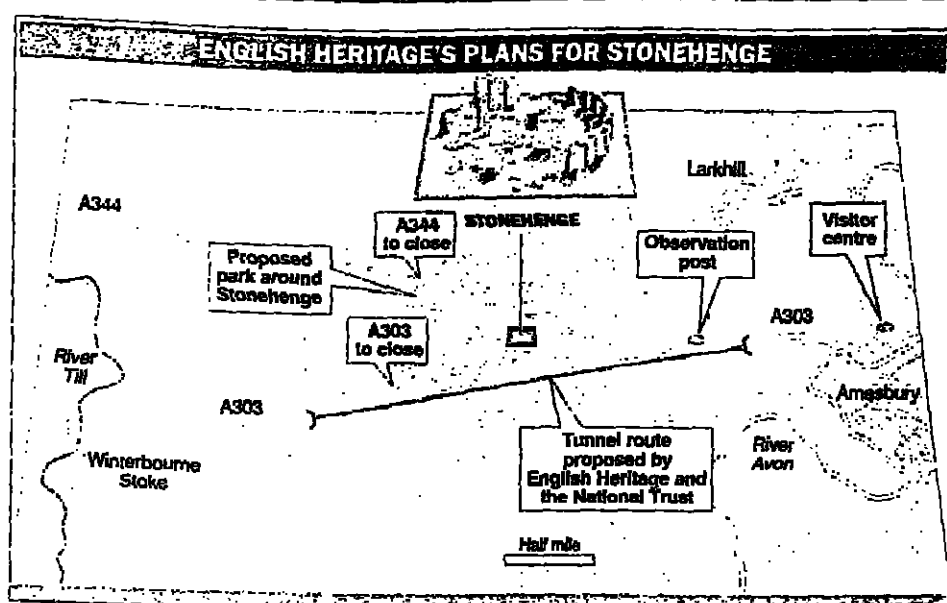
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'It's a tragic decision. It sends a signal to the world about how little Britain cares for its monument'



## Lottery rejection demolishes £44m Stonehenge plan

By DALYA ALBERGE, ARTS CORRESPONDENT

A SCHEME to protect Stonehenge from the ravages of tourists and traffic was rejected by the Millennium Commission yesterday.

Sir Jocelyn Stevens, chairman of English Heritage, which owns the site, voiced dismay that the £44 million project would have to be scrapped, even though it had the backing of government archaeologists and the local community. "It's tragic," Sir Jocelyn said. "They did not even give a reason."

In a briefly worded fax, the

commission told English Heritage, which had applied for £22 million, that it faced stiff competition from other schemes. Sir Jocelyn, emphasising that English Heritage had cut costs to the bone, said: "I don't think there's a less expensive way. I haven't a clue how we're going to do it as we haven't got any money."

He said that Stonehenge was suffering from an estimated 20,000 vehicles a day

passing on the A303, 300 yards away, causing the standing stones to vibrate continuously. "An icon of England's built heritage is being damaged by the road and fumes. It sends a signal to the world about how little Britain cares for its monument."

The 5,000-year-old stones draw nearly one million visitors a year. "Over half find the experience very disappointing," Sir Jocelyn said. "They have an ugly little car park, a pathetic counter from which to get a cup of tea and, if it's

raining, water goes down your neck. We believed we had a very good solution." English Heritage had, he said, addressed all the concerns of a 1992 report that branded the site a national disgrace.

It was planned to grass over the A344 on the north side of the stones and cut and cover the main road, the A303, on the south side. As well as building a visitor centre, there would have been a 6,000-acre Millennium Park. The visitor centre, offering an audio-visual history of the site, would

have been out of sight from the stones. Access to the stones would have been free, with tickets to the visitor centre, which would have been optional, costing about £6.75.

Sir Jocelyn speculated that the commission may have felt uneasy about a private investor making a profit through lottery cash: the scheme involved the Tussauds Group, which was proposing to invest £10 million. Phil Taylor, an executive director of Tussauds, said: "This was one of the most imaginative and

exciting opportunities that has existed for many years. Everyone on the team is very disappointed."

Sir Jocelyn was frustrated that the Millennium Commissioners did not provide guidance on what concerned them. When any of them visited "they invalidated anything they said in the following sentence, 'I'm not encouraging you or discouraging you... I'd try to pick up crumbs that would fall off their table.'"

Sir Jocelyn was unable to explain the rejection and said

The Ramblers and other environmental organisations had given their blessing to the plans. All by-ways would have been preserved and a road removed. "It's the sort of scheme that Swampy would have liked. It's ideal for what the Millennium Commission was set up to do."

He hopes to discuss the matter with Chris Smith, the Heritage Secretary, who chaired the Millennium Commission meeting. "I will ask for his support in the search for a solution. I've always

thought the solution would require a Cabinet decision."

A spokeswoman for the Millennium Commission said: "We have advised English Heritage that we don't think they've got a chance of being successful. We've warned them that we don't think it's worth them spending any more money pursuing the application. We've been incredibly oversubscribed and they are in competition with an awful lot of other projects."

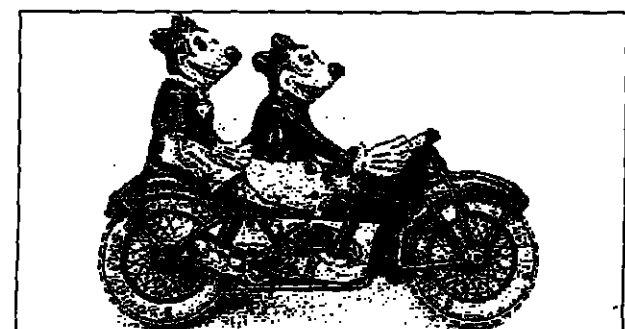
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A security guard on patrol at Stonehenge yesterday. English Heritage's plans included a new visitor centre and 6,000-acre Millennium Park

## Mickey Mouse toy banned by the Nazis is expected to sell for £30,000

By JOHN SHAW



Mickey and Minnie, sought by fanatical collectors

ONE of the few clockwork Mickey Mouse figures made in Germany before the Nazis nationalised the factory and banned their production is expected to sell for a record £30,000 next week.

The tin-plate Mickey and Minnie on a motorcycle was made for only a short period between the wars before the Nazis took over and demanded more Germanic toys. The one being auctioned at Christie's South Kensington on Monday

was discovered by the Antiques Roadshow. It is the only known example in its original box, which could add £10,000 to the estimate of between £15,000 and £20,000.

Giles Moon, a toy specialist at Christie's, said: "I can't stress enough how important it is because collectors for Mickey are quite fanatical and anything with the original box is sought after."

Rarity has made the toy one of the most valued on the market. The catalogue entry shows two photographs of it and three of the box,

which has an illustration of the two Disney figures. The toy was bought from a branch of Woolworth's, probably in Cheltenham in the early 1930s. It was a present for the vendor's uncle, then aged nine.

The owners were not aware of its value until the BBC television programme visited Moreton-in-Marsh, Gloucestershire. They did not go to the roadshow, but allowed their neighbours to take the toy on their behalf. It was spotted by Hilary Kaye, the head of Sotheby's toy department and one of the

television team's resident experts. Afterwards, however, the owners took their treasure to a local branch of Christie's. Sotheby's greatest rival, where staff immediately sent it to be auctioned in London.

The toy was made by Tipp & Co to capitalise on the popularity of the early Mickey Mouse films. But Hitler's rise to power in 1933 spelt the end for the American interloper and Mickey was banned by 1935.

The German modelmakers gave Mickey rat-like features and five-fingered hands instead of the usual

four. These peculiarities add to their collecting appeal, but its most valuable feature is the original box. Mr Moon said that another early toy of Mickey Mouse as an organ grinder could make, in good condition, between £5,000 and £6,000. But Christie's had sold a boxed version for £13,000.

Another Mickey and Minnie motorcycle model that came to light after the television programme will be sold by Phillips on Tuesday. That one is unboxed and expected to make between £7,000 and £10,000.

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# Historians lock horns over Hitler's talents as an artist

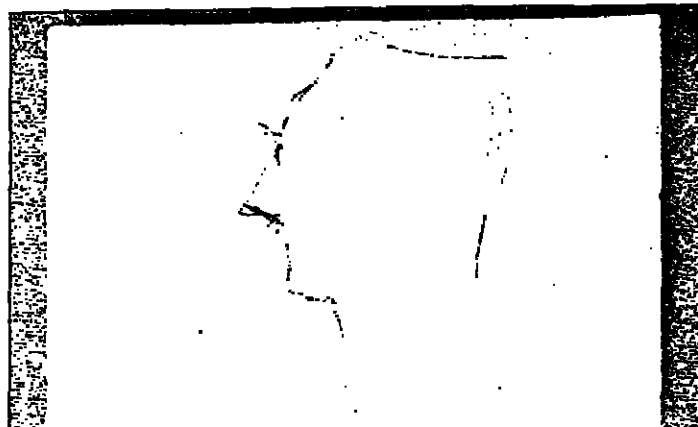
BY PETER FOSTER

TWO leading historians of Nazi Germany were locked in dispute yesterday over whether a drawing of Adolf Hitler is a rare self-portrait.

The small picture in pencil, signed and dated by the Nazi leader, was taken as a souvenir by a British soldier advancing through Germany in 1945. It is to be auctioned later this month after being authenticated by Michael Mackintosh, a Hitler expert with 20 years' experience, as a self-portrait.

Mr Mackintosh, who advised the late Marquess of Bath on his renowned collection of Hitler's art, is convinced the portrait is a genuine work by Hitler and of great historical importance. He has hailed the picture as a major find because of the year in which it was drawn — 1931, two years before Hitler secured power.

But David Irving, the right-wing historian who was the only academic to spot that the Hitler diaries were a hoax, declared the portrait to be the work of another artist after he was shown a copy by The Times. Mr Irving compared the newly discovered drawing to a self-portrait of Hitler which he keeps in the study at his Mayfair



David Irving believes his portrait shows Hitler's true style

home. "I'm 80 per cent sure this is a pencil sketch by someone else, but that Hitler autographed it during one of his many walkabouts. Hitler did not date his own work at this period and the quality of the shading and draughtsmanship is too subtle to be Hitler's," he said.

"It was common in this period for Hitler to sign pictures offered to him by supporters. My picture, which is definitely by Hitler, shows his cruder style very clearly."

Mr Irving also questioned the provenance of the new sketch. "All

Hitler's houses were in the US-controlled zone of Germany, which makes it doubly unlikely for a British soldier to find a genuine Hitler self-portrait in the British-controlled sector."

Mr Irving, currently working in Florida, is in no doubt about the authenticity of his Hitler self-portrait. It was taken from Hitler's desk during the final days of the war by the Nazi leader's private secretary, Christa Schroeder, whom Irving knew for many years. "My picture was among some of the things she saved and it has another sketch on the back,

probably of Eva Braun [Hitler's mistress]," Mr Mackintosh, however, believes that the disputed sketch could have been a gift from Hitler to a high-ranking Nazi official, particularly as it was found in a magnificent silver frame decorated with swastikas.

Though Mr Mackintosh was initially dismayed by Mr Irving's judgment, he was sticking to his guns after double-checking his original evaluation. "I have cross-referenced this picture with other examples of Hitler's draughtsmanship and still believe the work is consistent with the quality of Hitler's craftsmanship."

The sketch was found by Donald Sims, a British soldier serving with The Royal Corps of Signals, as he searched a bombed-out building in Essen for booty traps. He discovered the picture in the boarded-up house of a local gauleiter. Mr Sims, now in his 70s and living in Cirencester, sold the frame for its scrap value in the 1970s, but kept the picture, much to the annoyance of his wife.

The portrait, to be sold by the Manor Estate Auction Rooms in Llanelli, Carmarthenshire, on June 21. The estimated value is £2,000-£3,000, but experts believe it could fetch five or six times that amount.



Michael Mackintosh says this portrait is consistent with Hitler's work

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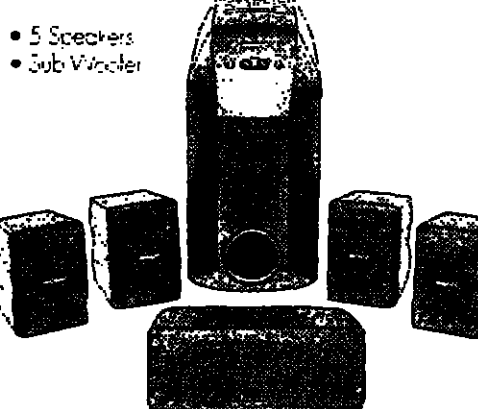


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## Rural marchers rally to defence of country sport

BY MICHAEL HORNSBY, COUNTRYSIDE CORRESPONDENT

RURAL workers fearful for their jobs and homes set out today on a series of marches from all over Britain, converging on London next month for a rally in defence of country sports.

Organisers expect the rally in Hyde Park to attract up to 100,000 people who resent the threat to their way of life from what they see as an intolerant urban majority with no understanding of country traditions. Seven marchers will start today from Caldicott in the Lake District and 26 leave Coldstream in the Borders tomorrow. Marchers from Cornwall and Wales set out on June 27. In all about a hundred will take to the road, hoping that sympathisers will swell their ranks. They have been offered free accommodation in village halls, barns, pubs and private homes and plan to arrive in Hyde Park for the rally on July 10.

The marchers set off as Michael Foster, Labour MP for Worcester, ponders whether to press ahead with a Private Member's Bill to ban hunting with hounds. The Government has pledged to allow a free vote on such a measure, which would command a big majority in the Commons.

Mr Foster is said to be under pressure from party whips to abandon plans for the Bill, at least in this session of Parliament, because of fears that it would be fiercely opposed in the Lords, holding up the passage of more important legislation.

Simon Clarke, of the British Field Sports Society, who is co-ordinating the rally, says 500 coaches and seven trains have

been hired by hunts and other countryside groups to take people to the event. "There is tremendous interest," he said. "Some country estates and businesses such as saddlers and feed merchants are planning to give their staff the day off so they can attend. We now have a Government with a large majority of urban MPs. This rally is critical to show them just how important country sports are."

John Frewell, huntsman with the Stowe Beagles in Buckinghamshire and chairman of the recently formed Union of Country Sports Workers, said: "I stand to lose my home and my job. But it is not just hunting that is threatened. If the anti-hunting fanatics get their way, grouse-shooting and salmon-fishing will be the next on the list of targets for the abolitionists." The Labour Party insists that shooting and angling are safe.

Field sports supporters say that if MPs approve a Bill to ban hunting they will be voting to destroy up to 14,000 rural jobs and signing the death warrants of thousands of hounds and horses. There are 319 officially recognised packs of fox, deer, beagle, harrier, basset, mink and fell hounds in Britain, which employ 3,910 people, the British Field Sports Society says. The British Equestrian Trade Association estimates that hunting supports a further 9,000 jobs in ancillary trades. An additional 1,000 jobs could be lost by hotels and garages that derive much of their winter custom from people taking part in hunts and by businesses that supply and maintain horseboxes.

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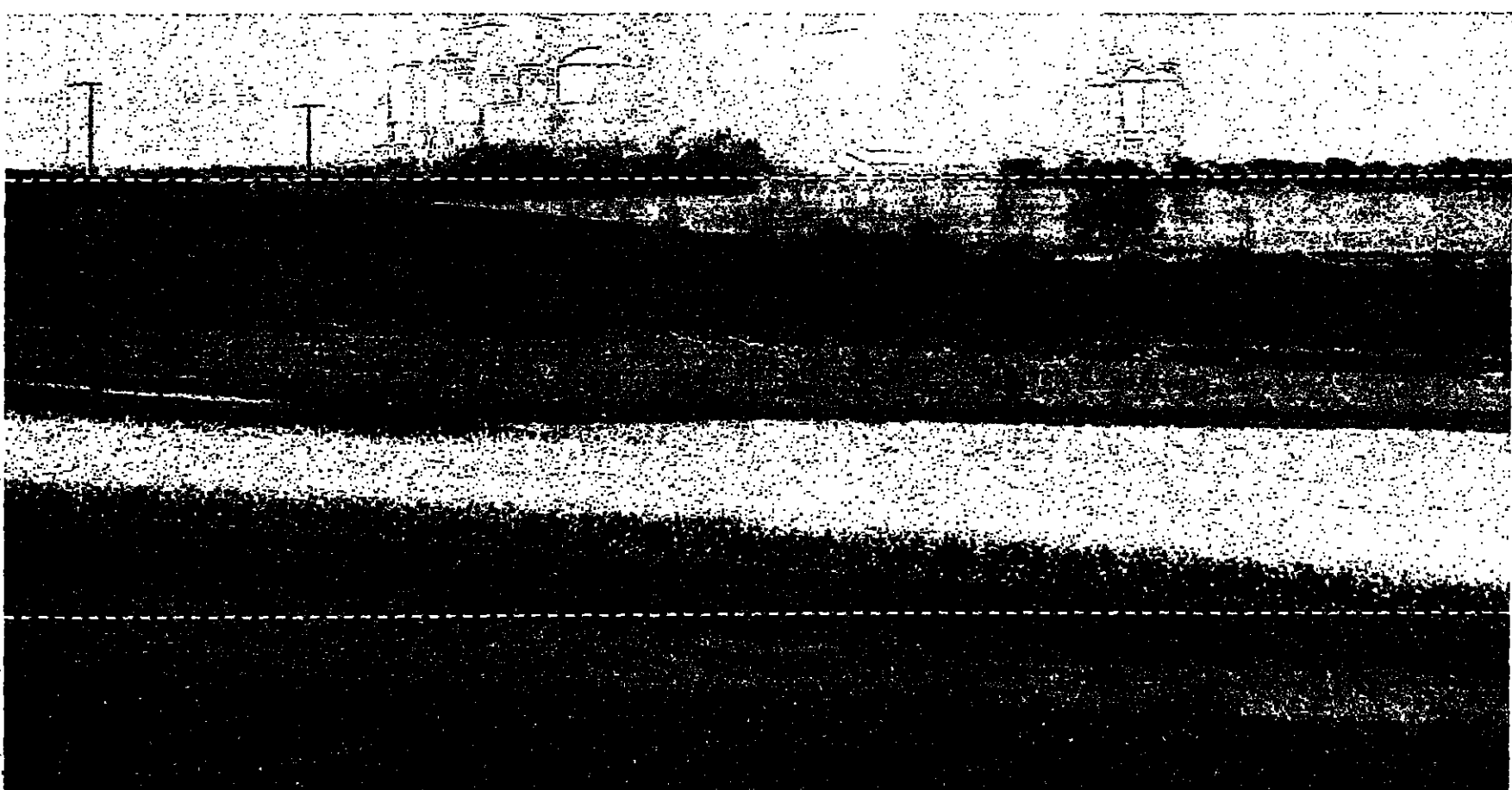
## Lloyd Webber: group is facing £10m losses

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# Broad brush adds colour to worlds of art, stage and song

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throat", while learning the colours of the jockeys for his 50th Royal Ascot, which begins on Tuesday. Yesterday he was unable to travel to York for the race meeting.

He said: "I have been told to take it easy by the doctor and am taking anti-biotics so I can't have any alcohol. It is most unexciting. But it does not dilute the honour at all."

Blyth first made history when he rowed the North Atlantic with Captain John Ridgway in 1966. Four years later, he sailed non-stop around the world against the prevailing winds.

Speaking from Boston, in the United States, where he is heading the organisation of the BT Global Challenge race, Blyth, 57, said: "There is a dream about this because of my working-class background. My father, after all, was a railwayman. A knight-hood will get a lot of getting used to. I am very, very excited. It is a tribute to all my sailing staff. The honour, is the result of a team effort."

**John Woodcock, age 48**

## Efficiency watchdog is life peer

**SIR Peter Levene**, the man who saved the Government more than £700 million a year by cutting waste in Whitehall, today becomes a life peer (writes Valerie Ellison).

Spotted by Michael Heseltine when he was Defence Secretary, Sir Peter, 56, has since held a number of government and senior business posts.

Until the election, however, he was the Prime Minister's adviser on efficiency and effectiveness and set up a powerful team at the heart of Government to audit other departments.

Tony Blair and Gordon Brown, the Chancellor, have recognised the value of the efficiency unit and it has already been enlisted to identify more savings.

Sir Peter, who is married with three children, is a former chairman of London Docklands Light Railway and a former chairman and chief executive of Canary Wharf, and now works as an adviser to Morgan Stanley.

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# Blair tries to limit damage in row over NHS charges

By IAN MURRAY, MEDICAL CORRESPONDENT

THE Prime Minister yesterday dismissed as "overblown" the row that erupted after Frank Dobson, the Health Secretary, said charges would be part of a review of the NHS. But Alastair Darling, Treasury Chief Secretary, refused to rule out the idea.

Tony Blair said: "Of course we have to look at ways to get value for money, but we will not do anything which is against the principle of the NHS, or our manifesto. We want to repair the NHS after years of Conservative damage, not undermine it."

Mr Darling, who is in

charge of policing the budget, said the review would pinpoint how money could be spent more wisely. "The review is about long-term planning into the next Parliament. To start excluding things would mean that, before too long, you would end up reviewing nothing."

He said he understood why people would make "ludicrous" predictions: "Our opponents are quickly slipping into the ways of Opposition. But the key point is that one government, one day, had to take this fundamental look. We are not going to shrink

from that task. To shrink from it would be irresponsible."

Mr Dobson, who ordered the review this week after finding that the NHS is more than £300 million in debt, insisted yesterday that its aim was to identify savings and the best use of resources. "There is no question of the Government doing anything to breach the fundamental principle of the NHS that health-care will be available to all, according to need, free at the point of use," he said. He said that journalists had floated the idea of charging for services: these were "simply scare stories and the Government will have no truck with them."

Explaining why he would rule nothing out of the review, Mr Dobson said: "I tried to be truthful and I said we are ruling nothing out. We are looking to every aspect so we can get the health service finances on an even keel and get through the pressures of this coming winter. We are going to look at charges, but it may be that some charges will actually be reduced or removed."

Stephen Dorrell, the Conservative former Health Secretary, said in a statement: "Labour's consideration of NHS charges is a great betrayal of the British electorate who believed that Labour were committed to the NHS."

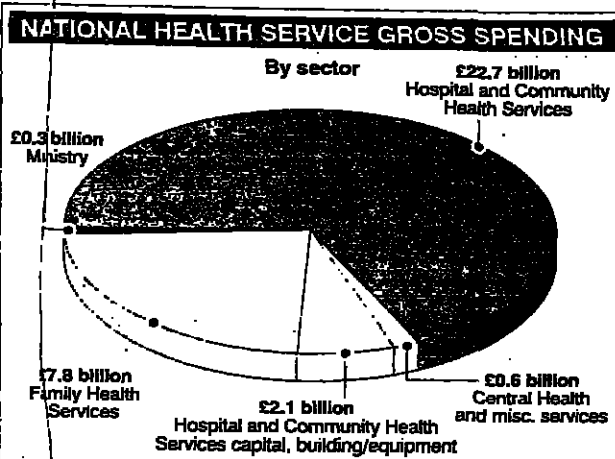
The party's manifesto included a commitment to the "historic" NHS principle that access would be based only on need, not ability to pay. Mr Dorrell said: "Two months later they have shown this commitment to be worthless. It is no defence to talk about thinking the unthinkable."

Simon Hughes, the Liberal Democrat spokesman, said: "Some of us fought the election honestly, admitting that the NHS was desperately short of money, and proposed how substantial sums of money could be raised. It is crazy now for the Labour Government to imply that higher charges may be introduced, but to say that higher public expenditure will be ruled out."

Dr Sandy Macara, chairman of the British Medical Association, said the policy that the NHS should be funded from taxation and free at the point of use was the fairest and most efficient way of financing the service. "To introduce more charges would be unfair and inefficient."

Philip Hunt, the NHS Confederation chief executive, said there was a financial crisis. "It seems the public want restructuring, but are reluctant to pay for it through taxation."

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## Figuring out the financial sickness

By IAN MURRAY

THE total annual budget for the NHS is now nearly £42 billion, equivalent to £1,700 for every household in the country. All but 6 per cent of the money comes from direct taxation, as income tax or National Insurance contributions. The rest comes from prescription charges and fees to NHS dentists and opticians.

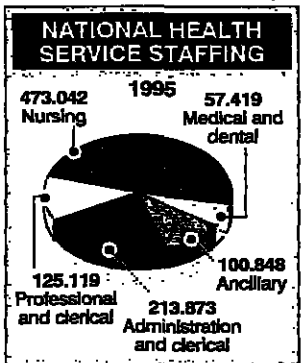
Treatments rose by more than 10 per cent between 1990 and 1996 to 11.2 million. Waiting lists have reached an all-time high at 1.1 million. The number waiting for more than a year is also rising.

Beds were cut from 335,000 to 211,000 between 1984 and 1995 yet the number of patients treated rose by a third.

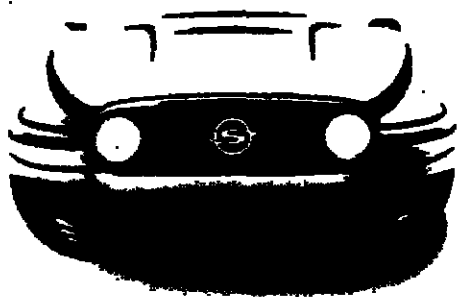
With almost a million people on the payroll the NHS is one of the largest employers in the world. The wage bill comes to £76 million a day. At the end of the last financial year 49 out of the 100 health authorities and 125 of the 425 NHS trusts were in debt to a total of £301 million. National expenditure is now exceeding the service's income by an

estimated £1 million a day so the total amount of debt is probably by now close to £350 million.

The NHS spends £4 billion a year on drugs and £500 million on buying care from the private sector. Mr Dobson is keen to cut these figures. He has already saved £20 million by freezing the money earmarked for the latest batch of fundholding doctors. He has demanded managers make £80 million in savings on bureaucracy over the year and ordered the sale of unwanted land worth £1.2 billion.



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Nurses in the accident and emergency department at Northwick Park Hospital, where patients are often treated on trolleys in busy corridors

## Hospital warns Dobson of impending crisis

By MARK HENDERSON

NURSES treat burns and broken bones on trolleys in overcrowded corridors. Doctors cannot get state-of-the-art drugs. Elderly patients linger in bed after treatment as families and social services refuse to collect them. Operations are routinely cancelled because of a lack of beds.

Conditions at the Northwick Park Hospital in Harrow, northwest London, bear witness to the chronic underfunding in the health service which led doctors at the Northwick Park and St Mark's Hospital NHS Trust to give a warning to Frank Dobson, the Health Secretary, of an impending crisis in

a letter to the *British Medical Journal* yesterday.

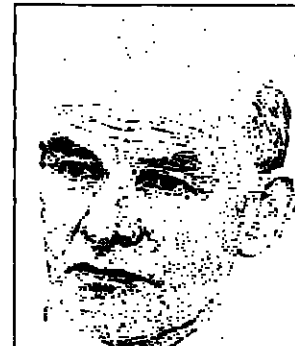
Sarah Turley, the accident and emergency manager, said that corridors full of trolleys used for her patients were symptomatic of problems which threatened to overrun both the hospital and the NHS. "We are getting more and more admissions, and we don't have enough cubicles to treat them in privacy."

Accident and emergency attendances have risen 10 per cent this year, on top of a 7 per cent increase last year; emergency admissions are up 28 per cent in 18 months. The hospital expects further increases because of the closure

of the nearby Edgware General Hospital in April.

James Thomson, a consultant surgeon, said the rise in emergency admissions had forced him to cancel non-urgent operations at his colorectal clinic. "A lot of our patients have mechanical problems with their bowels, which don't need emergency treatment but are extremely unpleasant," he said.

Chris McCulloch, the hospital's clinical director for orthopaedics, said elderly patients often stayed in hospital after treatment was complete because families and social services were unwilling or unable to care for them. Mr



Professor Richards

McCulloch said that 10 per cent of his beds were usually blocked in this way.

Jonathan Levi, clinical director for medicine, said the

local health authority paid a flat amount to cover emergency admissions, which did not take account of the numbers treated. He added that it had also refused to pay for a new heart drug because, at £14,500 per life saved, it was too expensive.

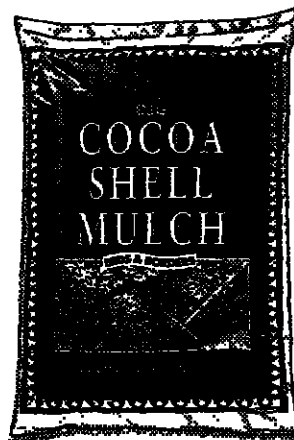
Dr Levi said the health service needed reforms that would allow money to follow patients. "The hospitals which treat most people should get the most money," he said.

Professor Peter Richards, the medical director, said: "We cannot provide proper services if we have to find a 2 to 3 per cent saving every year. What I would really like to see is a tax increase ring-fenced for health."

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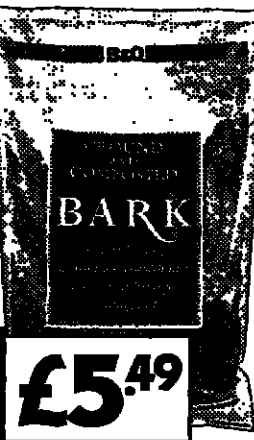
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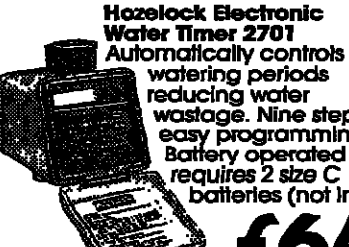


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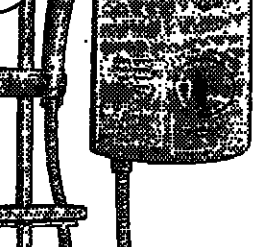
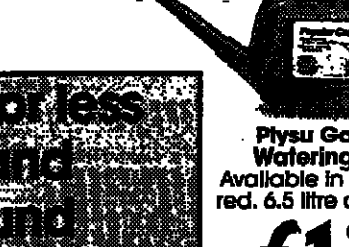
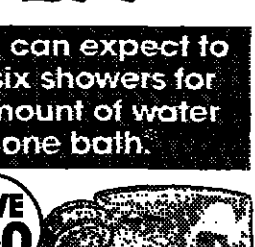
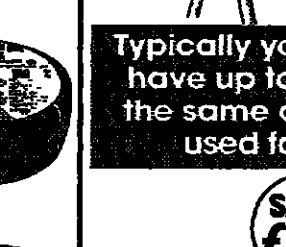
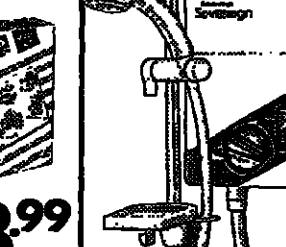
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# Whitby takes fright at the spectre of a Dracula invasion

By PAUL WILKINSON

FOLLOWERS of Count Dracula gathered in Whitby yesterday for a disputed centenary celebration of Bram Stoker's Victorian Gothic horror story.

While the Dracula Experience Society insists it is the anniversary of the novel it is marking, others in the North Yorkshire resort and fishing port fear that an interest in the Prince of Darkness is a short step to drugs and the occult. The town's tourist trade has benefited from its setting as the place where the Transylvanian vampire first set foot in Britain, coming ashore in the shape of a great black dog from the storm-tossed wreck of his ship.

But Dorothy Clegg, a local gift shop owner and councillor, said yesterday: "Beneath the surface there is something to worry about, something sinister. I have seen their mail order lists and magazines which have been left around the town and some are almost pornographic and an invitation to Satanism."

Dracula fans from the United States and Europe have travelled to Whitby. Styling themselves as "Goths", they dress in black, wear silver jewellery, white face-powder and dark eyeliner. Mrs Clegg said: "Bram Stoker's Dracula was the best Victorian guide-book to Whitby ever written."



Christopher Lee, the familiar face of Dracula

## Clown carries on despite knife hit

By MARK HENDERSON

A CLOWN known as Joe Fool carried on with his act after being hit in the armpit by a blade from the circus's novice knife-thrower.

Robin French, 49, who has been a clown for 22 years, changed into a dark shirt to hide the blood and performed an acrobatic show for nearly 1½ hours when he was struck by the Foolhardy Folk Circus's knife-thrower, Tony "Slasher" Hickson.

Only when the show was over did he allow his colleagues to take him to hospital, where he had six stitches. The blade missed a major artery by two inches, as well as a cluster of nerves that could have left his arm paralysed had they been severed.

The accident happened ten minutes into the show, in Norwich on Wednesday, when Mr Hickson had to throw nine nine-inch blades to hit a body-shaped target surrounding Mr French. The audience gasped as the fifth knife hit Mr French just below the shoulder, but he laughed and passed it off as part of the show.

Mr French, who has trained as a Buddhist monk, said he had been hit before by

but people must remember it is only a book and that it was the spirit of good and the belief in God that triumphed. I am not saying we should ban this gathering, but I feel uneasy and I'm not sure it is good for Whitby's reputation."

Stoker visited Whitby to gather material for his book, which astounded Victorian readers. Three chapters refer to it, including the cliff-top graveyard of St Mary's Church where the count seized his first victim, the innocent Mina.

Attempts earlier this year by the Dracula Experience Society to organise a walk up the 199 steps from the town to the churchyard were sharply rebuffed by the Rector of Whitby, the Rev Michael Aisbitt, and his curate, Graham Taylor. Mr Aisbitt has been invited to the weekend's events, which include drama, music, dance and art. As well as bands with names such as Vlad, Dust to Dust and Thirteen Candles, there are Dracula film clips and talks by cast members from the Hammer films which popularised the legend.

A highlight is a performance of Dracula's seduction of Mina by the Northern Ballet Theatre. The rector, who wishes people would concentrate on Whitby's links with Captain Cook, the pilgrims St Hilda and Caedmon and William Scoresby, the inventor of the crow's nest, was reluctant to comment. "I have more important things to get on with," he said.

Earlier he had criticised the legend as a negative influence on young people and the novel as mediocre. "On the surface it seems harmless fun, dressing up and enjoying a particular type of music, but underneath I think there is a very sinister and concerning link with the occult."

Phil Bestford, 30, a Whitby artist who helped organise the weekend, said: "We wanted to walk to the graveyard and sit there for some quiet reflection, but they reacted as if we were

going to sacrifice children on an altar. I am 100 per cent Church of England. I'm completely against drugs and I've never sucked blood in my life."

"As a child I remember seeing the original 1920s Nosferatu film and I was hooked. It is not unusual to have a baddie who is an anti-hero, but who you have some feelings for. Dracula is a sad, lonely figure. Very charismatic, very charming, but also very dangerous."

"What we certainly do not do is encourage drug-taking or the occult. Our gatherings bring money into the town and add a bit of colour—well, a bit of black and white anyway."

Kevin Barrand, Whitby's chief resorts officer, did not expect trouble. "On the whole I think they will be welcomed because they bring trade into the town. Certainly I won't be walking around with a crucifix, wooden stake and garlic."



Members of the Dracula society gathering in Whitby for the centenary celebrations, with St Mary's Church and the 199 steps behind

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# Ineffective preachers must strive to rediscover voice

BY RUTH GLEDHILL, RELIGION CORRESPONDENT

PREACHING is too often ineffective, poorly prepared and mediocre. Nearly 75,000 sermons are preached each week but declining church attendance means they are irrelevant to most people, a report published today says.

Michael Quicke, principal of the Baptists' Spurgeon theological college in southeast London, says supporters of preaching are "proclaiming louder, than ever that it remains vital for the next millennium. For some, the only thing wrong with contempo-

rary preaching is the lack of thought and energy from today's preachers," he says in the June fellowship paper of the College of Preachers.

But in contrast, there was a wide and volatile range of critics who believe preaching is in severe crisis and who question the act of preaching itself. "All is far from well," he says, arguing that preaching is under pressure in turbulent times.

Dr Quicke concedes that it is unfair to blame declining church attendance — 89 per

cent of the population no longer attends church — on ineffectual preaching. There was a tide of apathy among people. "Yet, because of its primary importance for communicating gospel truths and shaping communities, preaching does stand in the dock accused of ineffectiveness," he says.

Some commentators have argued that changes in modern worship, such as the growth of the charismatic movement and in pastoral counselling, have left preach-

ing stuck in the 1960s. Others say preaching is of pagan origin and can be damaging to a congregation because of a preacher's egotism.

But Dr Quicke says preaching still has a place, as long as preachers are willing to change. "As we approach this next millennium, it is essential for preachers to stand under the Word of God, believe that God still speaks through what He has already spoken," he says. "There is more to God's words than words. It is the Holy Spirit who enables the preacher to speak with spiritual effectiveness."

His paper is published as *The Times* and the College of Preachers announce today the 30 preachers shortlisted in the 1997 Preacher of the Year Award. Five will go forward to a final in a "festival of preaching" at Durham Cathedral on November 12.

Ernie Rea, head of religious broadcasting at the BBC, who will be judging the final along with Joan Bakewell and a panel of eminent preachers, said: "I have heard hundreds of sermons, most of them very



Joan Bakewell, one of the Preacher of the Year judges

innumerable. There has been a decline, and that is because the preacher's expectations of what he or she is going to accomplish have declined."

The sermons of the 30 shortlisted preachers will be published in November by Cassell in *The Times Best Sermons 1998* along with last

year's winning sermon by Father William Anderson of Aberdeen. The winning preacher will receive a specially commissioned sculpture, and there will be awards for runners-up.

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## Crede

# Wedding vows celebrate the selfless love of a creative God

Brian Mountford

The marriage season is coming in and, at busy churches, clergy will have as many as three or four weddings an afternoon. Choralists will be taking bets on how late the bride will arrive; best men will be trying to think of jokes that won't upset aunts; bridesmaids will be blushing; mothers fussing; grooms jittering; photographers flattering and chauffeurs cursing the traffic. Who says that marriage is going out of fashion?

I once married a bride who couldn't get her tongue around the words of the vows. Instead of "to love and to cherish" she kept saying, "to love and to treasure." It happened first at the rehearsal. "Look, why not think of cherries," I said. "Just say to love and to cherry, then add a little 'sh' on the end, like this: to love and to cherry... sh."

Next day when she arrived at the church door with her father, she said: "I've been practising, and I've got it now — to love and to cherry... sh."

"Marvellous," I said. So we reach the dreaded moment, and I say "in sickness and in health, to love and to cherish", and she says, "to love and to treasure — Oh my gawd, I've done it again."

Immediately the service became rooted in reality and she'd made a point better than many a sermon could have done. Jesus said that, where your treasure is, there will your heart be also. Treasuring your partner is the key to marriage, and to any relationship. Marriage is above all else a celebration of love — the essence of Christianity and of God. So a marriage where two people genuinely believe that their vows are made to one another in the presence of God symbolises the presence of God, and maybe actually makes God present.

The major characteristic of Christian love is self-giving — the sacrifice exemplified in Christ's life, death and resurrection. The marriage service picks this up in the promise to be committed "for better for worse, for richer for poorer, in sickness and in health." This is the love which suffereth long, is not boastful or puffed up, is patient, kind and truthful — the kind capable of survival.

But there is another aspect of God emphasised in the service — God the creator. One of the modern prayers says of God: "You allow us to share in your work of creation." Christians believe that creation is the natural consequence of God's love, and that creativity can be the result of human love as well. In the wedding context this refers to the gift of children — "procreation" as the Prayer Book puts it. But the point is more wide-reaching than that. I have often argued that, when an artist sees beauty in ordinary things and successfully reveals them to whoever views his paintings, this is an act of love and creativity.

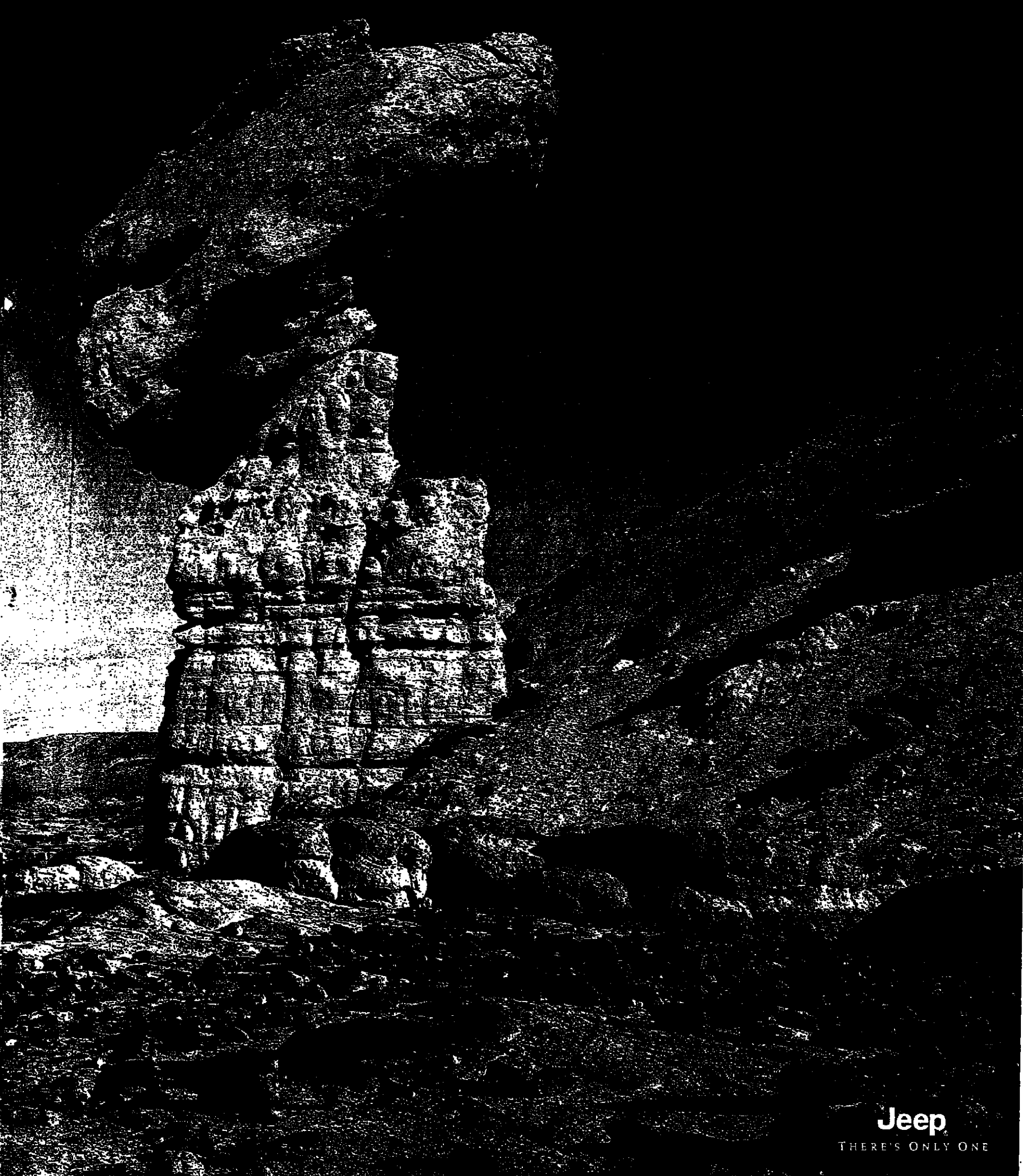
But in addition to having children, love in a relationship is creative in many other ways. In personal growth, for example, increasing happiness, in developing shape and purpose in life, and making a contribution to the community, not to mention the resource that can transform disappointment and tragedy into something positive and hopeful. Love is a natural defence mechanism that assists healing after the inevitable rows, rather like the clotting of blood enables wounds to heal.

St Paul was surely right to observe that finally three values remain: faith, hope and love; but the greatest of these is love. □ The Rev Brian Mountford is vicar of the University Church of St Mary the Virgin, Oxford.



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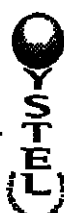
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# Israel links land sale murders to Palestinian agents

FROM CHRISTOPHER WALKER IN JERUSALEM

FOUR Palestinian security agents have been charged by an Israeli court in connection with the spate of murders of Palestinian land agents suspected of dealing with Jews, the first move of its kind since the killings began last month.

According to the Tel Aviv daily *Yedioth Aharonot*, four members of the Palestinian Preventive Security Service were charged earlier this week by a Jerusalem district court with the kidnapping of Farid Bashiti, 70, of east Jerusalem, the first of three land merchants so far murdered.

The decision to go ahead with legal proceedings came despite denials by Yasser Arafat's Palestinian Authority of any involvement in the gangland-style killings, which began after Fehi Abu Medin, the Palestinian Justice Minister, issued an order that an old Jordan law decreeing capital punishment for any Arab selling property to Jews was to be revived.

In the face of widespread international condemnation and a threat by the United States to withdraw vital funding from the Palestinian Authority, Mr Arafat attempted to distance himself from the new policy. But Western intelligence sources familiar with the working of the Palestinian security services dismissed his denials.

Mr Bashiti's killing on May 9 was widely seen as a deliberate example to other Palestinians dealing in land

sales with Jews. With his mouth taped, his hands tied behind his back and skull crushed by a blunt instrument, he was found dumped in the West Bank town of Ramallah, now under Palestinian self-rule.

The indictment submitted by Irit Abulafia, the Israeli attorney, claimed that in April Hussam Moeta, one of the four agents charged, ordered Nadia Dabash, the one woman in the case, also now charged, to compile information about Bashiti.

Although secrecy has surrounded the court proceedings, Ms Dabash, 33, fainted when she made her original appearance in court last month before charges were pressed. She is now accused of deliberately luring Bashiti

## US criticised on Jerusalem

Geneva: King Hussein of Jordan criticised a US House of Representatives motion seeking President Clinton's reaffirmation of Jerusalem as Israel's undivided capital, saying it somewhat undermined the American role in Middle East peace efforts. Speaking to reporters here the King called on Israel to halt its "policies of settlement, land confiscation and demographic manipulation". (Reuters)

from the Ambassador Hotel in east Jerusalem to Ramallah.

Referring to the brutal killing of Bashiti, whose body was later prevented from being buried by order of the leading Palestinian Muslim cleric who branded him as an "infidel", the Israeli Foreign Ministry said: "This murder should be viewed within the context of a recent Palestinian Council decision invoking the death penalty against anyone who sells land to Jews."

According to the charge sheet, Ms Dabash travelled with Bashiti from Jerusalem to Ramallah to meet a supposed purchaser of a piece of land he had for sale. "The real intention," the *Yedioth* reported, "was to kidnap Bashiti and bring him to Ramallah."

Waiting in a Ramallah restaurant posing as a representative of the potential buyer was Abdul-Karem Jit, another of the four Palestinian agents now charged, who asked that the meeting be held at his home. The indictment said that Ms Dabash and Bashiti got into Mr Jit's car and drove straight to Palestinian security headquarters in Ramallah. A few hours after the kidnapping, the land agent's body was discovered.

□ **Fraud case:** Israel's High Court will rule tomorrow on demands by opposition legislators that Binyamin Netanyahu, the Prime Minister, be indicted for fraud and breach of trust.



A demolition crane yesterday knocks down Yasser Arafat's former residence in Beirut which was wrecked by an Israeli bomb during the siege of Palestinian guerrillas in 1982. Scores of residents were killed minutes after Mr Arafat had left the building

## Turkish coalition leader agrees to power swap

Ankara: Necmettin Erbakan, the Islamic Prime Minister of Turkey, last night agreed to hand over power to his secular coalition partner, but the move may not satisfy powerful generals who are opposed to the Muslim faction in the Government.

Mr Erbakan consented to leave his post to Tansu Ciller, the Deputy Prime Minister, who leads the centre-right True Path party, after she threatened to quit the 11-month-old coalition. Mrs Ciller insisted on the power swap in an effort to appease the military, but the government manoeuvre is a cosmetic change since Mr Erbakan's Islamic Welfare will keep key Cabinet positions. (AP)

## 58 die in Delhi cinema fire

Delhi: Fifty-eight people were killed by a fire at a packed cinema in the Indian capital. Tejinder Khanna, the lieutenant-governor of Delhi, said the blaze started when an electrical transformer collapsed and set fire to dozens of cars parked in the cinema's basement. Most of the dead were thought to have been sitting upstairs in the box and balcony sections, from where escape was hardest, one fireman said. Most of those in the stalls were able to get out. One witness said: "I saw women with children in their arms breaking windows and jumping out." (Reuters)

## Swiss 'hold torture papers'

Judicial authorities in Switzerland have confirmed the existence in their country of secret bank accounts and safety deposit lockers possibly containing the records of Argentine military officers accused of torture and killing political opponents during the 1974-1982 dictatorship (Gabriella Giamini writes). Human rights groups say the deposit boxes could contain the military archives, with valuable information about what happened to more than 10,000 people who disappeared in the clandestine torture camps.

## Kinshasa massacres claim

Kinshasa: More than 640 people were killed in Kinshasa late in May during the rebel takeover of the then Zairean capital, the local Association for the Defence of Human Rights said. The group said massacres took place when rebels loyal to Laurent Kabila took control of the city. The association listed communal graves where a total of 647 bodies were buried between May 19 and 28 in and around Kinshasa. Most of the victims were members of the Zairean armed forces and looters as well as innocent civilians. (AFP)

## Second marriage for Shultz

New York: George Shultz, right, 76, the former US Secretary of State whose wife, Helena Maria, died in 1995, is to marry again (Tunku Varadarajan writes). His bride on August 15 will be Charlotte Maillard Swig, 63, the chief of protocol for San Francisco City Hall. The twice-widowed hostess, who has considerable private wealth, is known for her elegance and repartee. They met at Stanford University, where he is a fellow.



## Creepy dish costs \$600,000

Charlotte: A North Carolina jury awarded more than \$600,000 (£353,000) to Darlene Henderson, who said she unwittingly ate half a cockroach at a Kentucky Fried Chicken restaurant in Orangeburg, though its management said she planted it. The jury had docked her award by 10 per cent for negligence in not looking at what she was eating. (AFP)

## America puts the sparkle back in first Star Spangled Banner

FROM TOM RHODES IN WASHINGTON

A TEAM of experts is launching a \$15 million (£9 million) project to rescue the decaying remains of the oldest and most cherished of America's national icons, the original Star Spangled Banner that inspired its national anthem.

The vast flag which flew, in defiance of a British assault, above Fort Mifflin in Baltimore in September 1814 and whose broad stripes and bright stars stirred

Francis Scott Key to write his famous poem, is gradually fading to fragments and dust.

But now, with the assistance of dozens of historians, chemists and conservators, including Sheila Landi, the former textile specialist at the Victoria and Albert Museum, the Smithsonian Institution in Washington is hoping to prolong the life of the 300lb, four-storey-high national treasure.

More perhaps than for many other countries, the American flag represents a sense of identity for the

entire United States population. Hundreds of citizens and visitors stream past the banner every minute in the National Museum of American History in Washington.

Even as the country was preparing to celebrate its national flag day today, the House of Representatives voted overwhelmingly to protect the Stars and Stripes from "physical desecration": the act of protest flag-burning that conservatives have long viewed as a sign of unpatriotic liberalism.

The Smithsonian team plans to

study the 184-year-old flag in a specially built room and possibly place it in an environmentally controlled atmosphere under seven tonnes of glass. In the past, conservators have used such glass cases for historical documents such as the Declaration of Independence, but no one has ever produced one the size of a small building.

"It is still in the developmental stage, but we are looking at a monumental task to try to stabilise the environment around the flag," Suzanne Thormassen-Krauss, the

Smithsonian's senior textile conservator, said. "But it is a project which I think will mean a lot to Americans." She added: "The flag is not only associated with our national anthem; it also represents a time when we first saw ourselves as a people."

The Star Spangled Banner, with its faded patches and still mysterious red V on one of the stripes, was stitched by Mary Pickersgill and her teenage daughter Caroline on the floor of a malhouse in Baltimore in 1813.

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## Bad week for Britain in Albania as chief election organiser storms out

FROM TOM WALKER  
IN TIRANA

THE British official in charge of the international community's assistance to the Albanian elections stormed out of the country yesterday, accusing the Organisation for Security and Co-operation in Europe, from which he had just resigned, of "absolute and complete lies".

Brian Pridham is the second Briton to leave Albania in cloudy circumstances this week, hard on

the heels of the British Embassy's Second Secretary, Geoffrey Briggs, who was stabbed on Monday and flown out to Italy.

Mr Pridham left less dramatically, taking the afternoon flight to Vienna. OSCE headquarters, which is assisting and monitoring the Albanian elections due at the end of the month. The organisation's office in Tirana has insisted Mr Pridham resigned "for personal reasons", but sources in the organisation confirmed yesterday that he felt he was undermined

by its complex hierarchy and was concerned at the undemocratic and violent climate in which the elections are being held.

"The first one was stabbed in the front and the second in the back," reflected a diplomatic source on what has been a bad week for Britain in the Albanian capital.

"They are absolute and complete lies to say that I resigned for personal reasons. Do you think I am mad?" said an irate Mr Pridham at Tirana airport's VIP gate. "It is for deeply professional

reasons." However, the organisation's spokeswoman in Vienna, Melissa Fleming, insisted: "Mr Pridham has left us for personal reasons."

As with Mr Briggs, the truth behind Mr Pridham's departure has yet to emerge, and will probably only be known after the elections, set for June 29. He is known to have written a letter to the former Austrian Chancellor, Franz Vranitzky, OSCE envoy to Albania, complaining at his treatment by the organisation.

But diplomats working closely with the organisation in Tirana were sceptical about Mr Pridham's tirade. "He had not been in agreement since the beginning," said one. "He indeed seemed to have personal problems."

Mr Pridham's letter to Herr Vranitzky apparently complained at length that he had been barred from a meeting with him. "He was not good for morale," summarised the diplomat. Mr Pridham, who Ms Fleming said had previously organised elections in Palestine,

has been replaced by another Briton, Tony Welsh. He has refused to comment on the future over his predecessor.

With or without Mr Pridham, the OSCE faces a stiff task in steering Albania down the road of multiparty democracy. Unlike in Bosnia, where the organisation is mandated by the Dayton peace accord to set up elections, in Albania it is only empowered to assist the state. Since last summer, when it accused President Berisha of tampering with parliamentary

elections, the organisation has been unwelcome to the dominant Democratic Party, which wants to keep its role to a minimum.

"Getting set up has been like pulling teeth," said the diplomat. "In some places the local civil servants who are meant to be organising the elections haven't been seen for years. It's chaos."

The OSCE is hoping that the 600 international monitors it will soon bring to Albania, along with worldwide media attention, can give the election some credibility.

## Italy shamed by troops' sex abuse of Somali women

FROM RICHARD OWEN IN ROME

NEW evidence emerged yesterday of widespread torture of Somali civilians by Italian soldiers during the US-led peacekeeping operation in Somalia four years ago. The weekly *Panorama* magazine published what it said were photographs of paratroops sexually abusing Somali women.

Former paratroops said they had been instructed during training for the Somali operation "not to regard the Somalis as human beings". Benedetto Bertini, 23, a former soldier who is now an unemployed pastry cook in Palermo, said: "We were told, if in doubt shoot, even if the targets are women and children."

Another former paratrooper said Somali women had been raped and had subsequently given birth to "blue-eyed Italian babies". One woman allegedly killed her baby out of shame.

Beniamino Andreatta, the Italian Defence Minister, said that the inquiry into the torture allegations would be hastened and the Government would show "no leniency toward those responsible".

The three senior women ministers in the centre-left Government — Livia Turco, Anna Finocchiaro and Rosy Bindi — issued a statement describing the photographs as Italy's shame. "We ask the pardon of all Somali women for what was done," they said. The worsening scandal has led to calls for General Bruno

Loi and General Carmine Fiore, the popular Italian commanders at the time, to be called to account.

The disclosures, which began a week ago, have shocked Italians and have prompted a stream of revelations from former soldiers. The disclosures have badly dented the image of Italian troops serving abroad as *brava gente*, roughly, "good guys" sensitive to the needs of local populations. The main paratroop regiment involved, the Folgore, is at present leading the multinational intervention force in Albania.

Last week *Panorama* published photographs sold to it by Michele Patrucco, a former member of the Folgore, showing Somali men being tortured in the Italian camp at Jibar during Operation Restore Hope in 1993. In one photograph, paratroops were seen applying electrodes to the genitals of a near-naked Somali man, said to have been caught carrying a weapon.

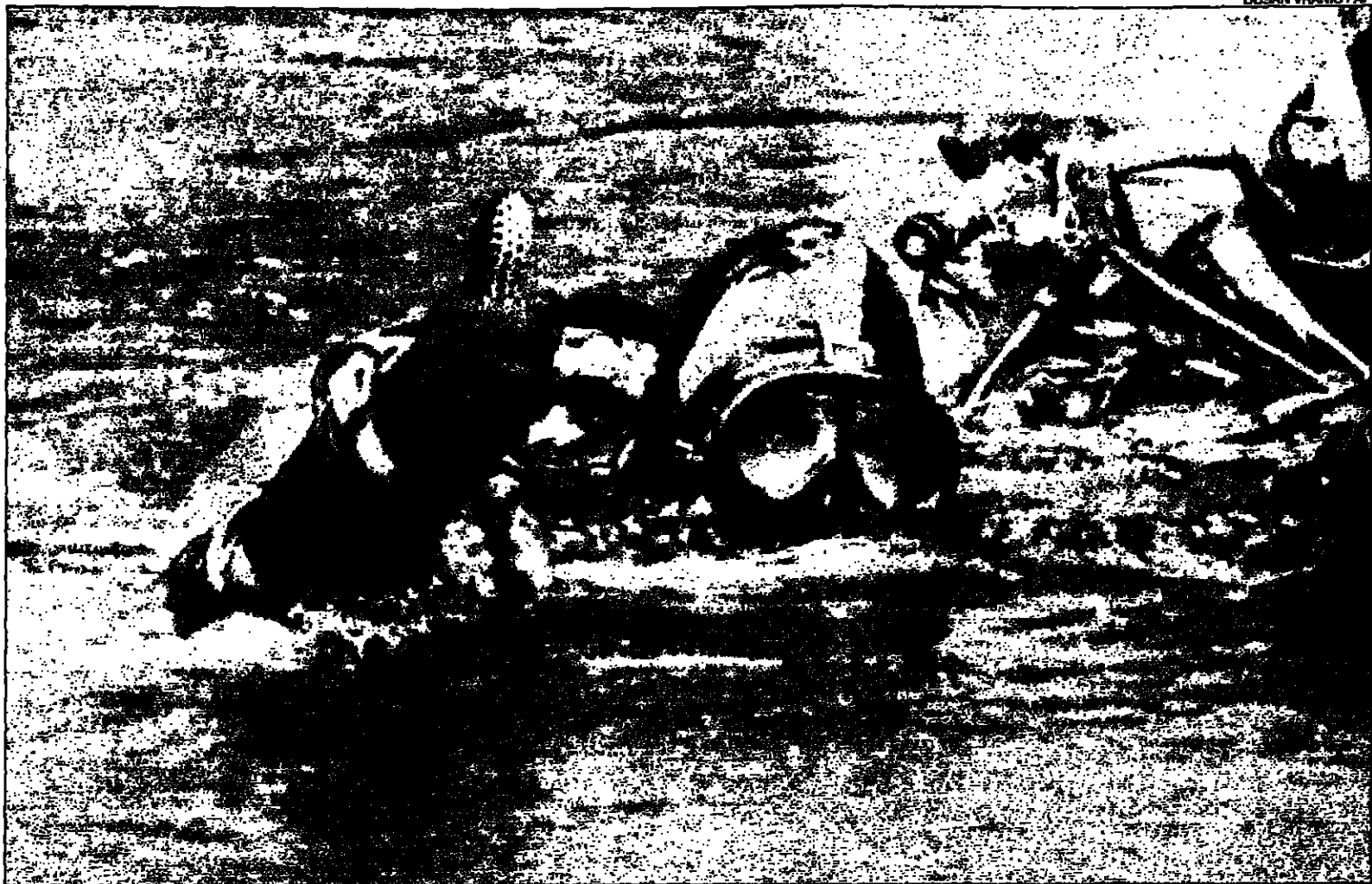
The Somalia intervention force was intended to end fighting between Somali warlords and to protect food convoys. It swiftly became embroiled in disarming the bandits, many of them teenagers with Kalashnikovs.

Some former soldiers said the photographs were staged and stories of torture were "bar-room anecdotes". But *Panorama* said that a former soldier, it named only as "Stefano" had offered it fur-

ther photographic evidence of torture after seeing last week's issue. Magazine executives said that they checked the authenticity of the new photographs. The latest pictures, reproduced in all Italian newspapers yesterday, show paratroops holding down a Somali woman at a checkpoint between Mogadishu and Balad and thrusting objects, including a rocket flare smeared with jam, between her splayed legs.

"She was screaming and struggling," Stefano said. "We tied her by the legs to an APC [armoured personnel carrier]. It wasn't really a sexual game, it was just something to do. Things like this went on at every Italian command post ... we had suddenly gone from the civilised world to the uncivilised world and we were exhilarated." Signor Bertini told the magazine that Italian troops routinely beat Somalis, "including women and old men ... there were not dozens of Somali deaths, as claimed at the time, but hundreds".

Colonel Marco Bertolini, of the Folgore regiment, said that incidents of torture were not "representative" of the Italian mission in Somalia, which had brought "medicine, help and hope". But *La Stampa* said that Italian troops had behaved badly in Mozambique in 1993, although an inquiry into the use by soldiers of under-age Mozambican girls as prostitutes had been shelved.



A police diver signals the all-clear yesterday after a security check in the Stahouderskade canal in Amsterdam. EU leaders meet in the city on Monday

## Chirac and Kohl disagree on economy and jobs

FROM SUSAN BELL  
IN POITIERS

PRESIDENT CHIRAC and Helmut Kohl, the German Chancellor, last night failed to reach agreement on an European Union initiative to promote economic growth and jobs when they met here in advance of Monday's summit in Amsterdam.

Dominique Strauss-Kahn, the French Finance Minister,

said: "We are going to work at the weekend and arrive in Amsterdam with, I hope, at least an 80 per cent agreement by all those present, not just Germany."

But Lionel Jospin, the Socialist Prime Minister, said that the EU should revive an earlier agreement to launch a labour-intensive public works programme. Herr Kohl opposed any new spending moves. President Chirac said

he was confident of a quick agreement. "There exists a willingness, a full agreement, to reach in the coming hours, a settlement on the stability pact."

Theo Waigel, the German Finance Minister, said attempts were being made to find a solution with a statement on employment based on articles 102 and 103 of the Maastricht treaty, which provide for intensified co-ordina-

tion of economic policies. The sixty-ninth Franco-German summit had brought together two seriously weakened leaders in the bleak plate-glass and concrete landscape of Futuroscope, a high-tech theme park in the central French city of Poitiers. The summit marked the first meeting between Herr Kohl and M Jospin since the French Socialist swept to power. It also represented the first serious test of the conservative

Gaullist President's cohabitation with his left-wing Government.

Another difference of opinion yesterday emerged over Romania's bid to join Nato. President Chirac said that France would support Bucharest's application despite the reservations expressed by Washington.

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# Australia rejects handover boycott in Hong Kong

FROM MICHAEL BINYON IN MELBOURNE

AUSTRALIA is to attend the swearing-in ceremony for the Hong Kong Provisional Legislature when the territory returns to China at the end of this month, despite British and American reservations.

London and Washington do not recognise the legitimacy of the hand-picked parliament which will replace the current elected body.

"Gone are the days where we would wait to see what Britain and the US did before deciding our own agenda," said Alexander Downer, the Foreign Minister, in an interview with *The Times*.

Australia was as robustly committed to human rights as any Western nation, but was operating in a different, Asian, context. "We have to make our own way in an environment

that is totally different." Australia had to decide what would be the most effective way of expressing its views: boycotting the ceremony would only worsen relations with Beijing. "You are not going to achieve anything by sloganeering," he said.

Australia has come under pressure, especially from America, to follow Madeleine Albright, the US Secretary of State, in not attending the swearing-in. But he noted that she was operating in a different domestic environment, amid sharp debate in Congress over renewing favourable trade conditions for China.

Britain also approached Hong Kong and China from a different standpoint, which he respected. "We are an Asia-

Pacific country. Britain is a European country. Our future, our destiny, is in the Asia-Pacific," he said.

"We share the same values on human rights as Britain. But we have to manage our policies in a different way." It would be more effective to have a formal, bilateral human rights dialogue with China, including providing help for its institutions, than co-sponsoring a resolution on human rights in the United Nations.

Mr Downer said Australia was robust in promoting its own pluralist values in the region. This might make it seem "the odd man in" in the area. But these values were increasingly seen as universal values, something increasingly accepted by Australia's neighbours.

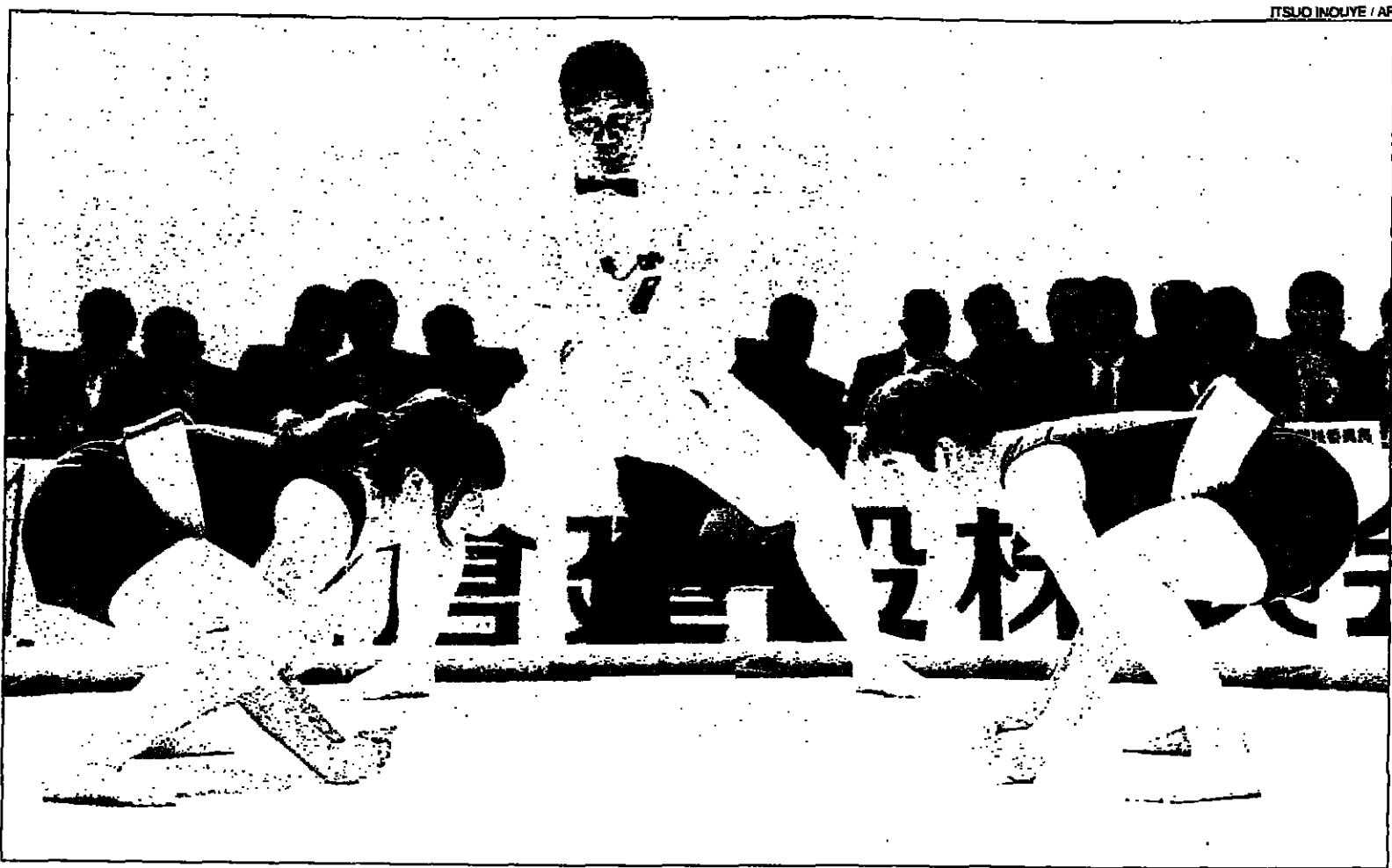
Australia was not a "bridge" to the West, but was determined to use its position on the edge of Asia to build itself up as a centre for trade and business within Asia.

Despite a furore in the media, Australia's trade and political links with its Asian neighbours had not been damaged by the row here over anti-Asian remarks by Pauline Hanson, a maverick MP, said Mr Downer.

"In Australia, there is overwhelming support for the strategy of engagement with Asia," he said. "There is a minority — and Pauline Hanson is only a rather unintelligent manifestation of that minority — which simply take an isolationist view of Australia. Every country has people who think like this."

Mr Downer denied that Japan had threatened to drop support for Australian participation in the forthcoming Asia-Europe meeting because of the Hanson race row.

He said that Britons should not think they could escape responsibility for the other recent row in Australia, over the policy of forcible assimilation of Aboriginal children. "This was just as much a policy of Britain as Australia. We were, in those days, still very much a product of our British origins."



Azumi Okada, right, confronts Eriko Kawai at the start of this year's championships as sumo women invade the all-male bastion in Japan

## Sumo women find male rites heavy going

Robert Whyment in Tokyo reports on the female challenge to male chauvinism dominating the ancient rituals of a national sport



with a weight problem are, for once, at an advantage.

But at a mere 298lb, Ms Tsuihiji is going to appear puny alongside male titans, even though she is the heaviest of the 70-odd registered female fighters. Take the two most respected and highly paid stars in the nation's most popular spectator sport. The biggest is 608lb Konishiki; Akebono, the reigning champion, weighs in at 491lb.

Few women like to flaunt their fat, which may explain why organisers of women's amateur sumo, called New Sumo, have not been overwhelmed with applicants since the launch last year. Most came into the game from judo. Ms Tsuihiji belongs to

the Takushoku University Judo Club.

Partly because of weight, but also because of special rules, the women's bouts seem altogether tamer than the clashes between the grunting, heaving male giants. The rules of New Sumo ban slapping, head charges and blows to the chest as too unlady-like. But when the first All-Japan New Sumo Tournament was held in January, spectators were heartened to see the old rituals preceding a bout — squatting, stamping, tossing salt — were not neglected by the female newcomers.

If Japan remains a bastion of male chauvinism, paying lip-service to the idea of equal opportunity, then the sumo

establishment is the stodgiest of its various male preserves. For years the Japan Sumo Association, the powerful governing body of the professional sport, has fought to prevent the slightest contamination by women.

The last serious attempt to challenge the taboo came in 1990. Mayumi Moriyama, the Chief Cabinet Secretary at the time, announced a plan to climb into the ring to present the Prime Minister's trophy to the new champion. She said she felt compelled to challenge the "no women" tradition.

This provoked outrage. "A woman will defile the sacred dohyo," spluttered the head of the Japan Sumo Association. Ancient rites dictate that before every tournament the ring must be consecrated and the gods invoked to spare the wrestlers from injury. To allow a woman into the ring would upset the sport's guardian deities and cause a calamity.

Ms Moriyama suggested that such mumbo-jumbo owes more to male chauvinism than respect for the gods. But in the end she backed down, judging that annoying sumo traditionalists might do more harm

than good to her political career.

It has to be said that the women's competition was not inaugurated by idealists bent on advancing the frontiers of sexual equality. The decision to allow women into the sport — but not, of course, the dohyo — is tied up with a specific goal: to elevate amateur sumo to an Olympic event or an exhibition sport.

"Our aim is to make sumo part of the Olympics in 2008," says Tomoko Fukushima, of the New Sumo Federation, the women's wing of Japan's amateur sumo federation. "We started work on this seven years ago. But just developing a mawamashi (wrestler's loin-cloth) for women has taken us five years."

Some male spectators at the first tournament said they found little glamour in watching overweight women push and shove without the sheer animal ferocity that their male counterparts bring to the sport. Hisashi Ikeda, 52, says: "Women's sumo is the ultimate denial of femininity. I just cannot imagine women will want to fatten themselves up like male wrestlers to improve their power."

## Japanese to attend Chinese ceremony

BY ROBERT WHYMENT AND OUR FOREIGN STAFF

YUKIHIKO IKEDA, the Japanese Foreign Minister, will attend the inauguration of Hong Kong's unelected legislature on July 1 despite a boycott by Britain and America. Ryutaro Hashimoto, the Prime Minister, said yesterday. He added that Mr Ikeda would also attend the ceremonies marking the colony's handover to China.

The New Zealand Government announced yesterday that it would not boycott the inauguration. Don McKinnon, the Foreign Minister, said that Wellington had already made known its opposition to the dissolution of the Legislative Council and saw no point in "carrying on a higher level of antagonism".

Yesterday, Mr Hashimoto said: "If [Mr Ikeda] disappears when the clock strikes midnight, it would give offence. It is the flow of the thing." He shrugged off the decision by Tony Blair and Madeleine Albright, the US Secretary of State, to boycott the swearing-in of the legisla-

ture. "Other countries are other countries, but Japan is Japan."

Senior Foreign Ministry officials were less nonchalant about upsetting America and Britain, but said that Japan's "special position" prevented it from supporting the boycott. "For the US and Britain, China is at the other end of the world. But we live in China's shadow," a senior official said.

Japan, which has consistently refused to criticise human rights abuses in China, has remained silent on Beijing's moves to roll back democratic reforms and restrict civil liberties in Hong Kong. Preserving and expanding the robust economic relationship between the two countries is the priority of Japanese leaders.

Anti-protest laws: New laws restricting demonstrations and imposing controls on political opposition are expected to be passed today by the China-appointed legislature for Hong Kong. (AFP)

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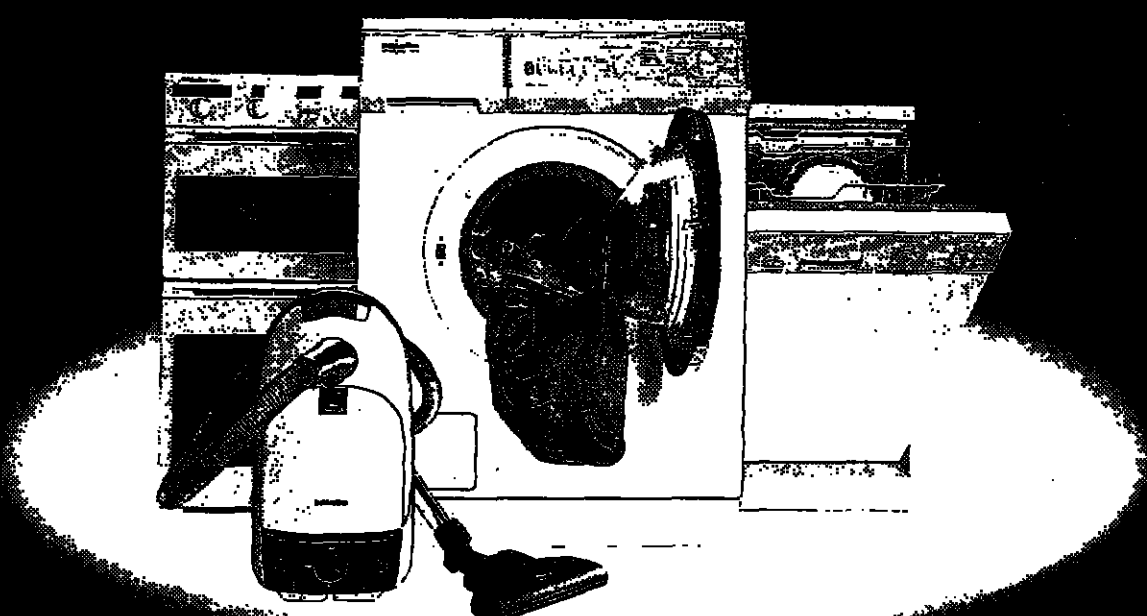
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Russian cynics suspect nepotism but shares soar after Yeltsin's son-in-law acquires top air job

## Eyebrows rise as Aeroflot gains a relative high flyer

WHEN Valeri Okulov was recently appointed head of Aeroflot, the appointment instantly raised eyebrows in the aviation world, where cynics dismissed the move as a clear act of nepotism.

It is not that the 45-year-old former navigator is not experienced in the ways of Russia's state-controlled airlines. He has spent his entire career at Aeroflot, including its Soviet heyday when it was the world's largest airline.

But as the husband of President Yeltsin's eldest daughter, Lena, and the father of two presidential granddaughters, there was a strong sense that family connections rather than his managerial skills accounted for his sudden rise to the top.

Certainly, Mr Yeltsin seems to have a soft spot for his son-in-law. Although neither likes to speak publicly about the extended influence of the Yeltsin clan, the Russian leader has made little secret of his admiration for "Valera", who in some ways has fulfilled the role of the son he never had.

"He comes from a family with traditions, with some very fine manners, and these best qualities were passed on to Valera," Mr Yeltsin wrote in his book *The View from the Kremlin*. "He is direct, independent and strong; a real man of the house."

Mr Okulov, who has spent most of his career flying and training on all of Aeroflot's main civilian aircraft, had his first big break last August, when he was plucked from

### MOSCOW FILE

by RICHARD BEESTON



relative obscurity and promoted to deputy director. Observers noted that the move occurred just after the Russian leader was successful in his re-election bid and at about the same time that Tatyana Dyachenko, Mr Yeltsin's youngest daughter, was formally appointed to an official post in the Kremlin as a presidential aide.

Despite initial scepticism, Mr Okulov appears to have made huge strides in turning the company around since his promotion to management and his confirmation as Aeroflot's general director last month. Though it has a notorious reputation for poor safety and bad service, share prices in the airline have leapt more than 250 per cent on the Moscow stock market in the past six months, from around £20 to £70.

The company now has plans to replace its ageing fleet of jets with Boeings and the latest generation of Russian airliners.

Abroad, Aeroflot still has an image problem to overcome, although it has recently signed a deal with one of Russia's leading advertising agencies to help to bury its notoriety.

In a recent interview, Mr Okulov said that Aeroflot's main attraction was still its low prices — and to prove it, the company is running a month-long promotional campaign this summer, when all Aeroflot flights will cost £125.

Nevertheless, Mr Okulov will have to tread carefully. In Soviet times, Leonid Brezhnev's son-in-law, who was promoted to a senior job in the Ministry of Foreign Trade, wound up in jail on corruption charges after the Soviet leader died.

Mr Okulov will have to hope that his accident-free safety record in the air will be matched in his new job on the ground.

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Valeri Okulov: Yeltsin admires son-in-law's "qualities and fine manners"

## Teenager tangling with their problems

WHILE most teenagers will spend this month fretting about exams and planning their summer holidays, one young Russian student will have an additional worry to the usual list of problems.

Grand Duke Georgi Romanov, 16, heir to the Russian throne, should discover in the coming weeks whether he will become the next Tsar or remain a humble student at the British school in Madrid, where his family lives.

Under Russian tradition, the next in line to the throne reaches the age of majority at 16, when he can be officially crowned. But a key part of the preparation involves taking an oath of loyalty to Russia and the Orthodox Church at the cathedral of Kostroma, a city north of Moscow where Romanov monarchs have made the pledge since 1613.

Although in the past few months there has been a public debate about the merits of restoring the Russian monarchy, many still have misgivings. The Communist-run administration of Kostroma has banned the ceremony, the Church is taking a neutral position, and Boris Nemtsov, the hot shot new Deputy Prime Minister, seems to have lost his initial enthusiasm for the monarchist venture.

Privately, Kremlin officials admit that, with President Yeltsin looking and feeling so energetic, there is only room for one Tsar in Russia for the time being.

## Night shift laid off for summer

NO ONE could accuse the Moscow municipal authorities of not caring about the plight of the city's less fortunate. In the early hours one day, scores of "night butterflies", as prostitutes are known in Russian, were rounded up by the police for what they thought was a routine bust. But instead of being arrested, the girls were taken to a lecture hall and ordered by a

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## Iran unveils the two worlds of women

FROM ROSS DUNN IN TEHRAN

THERE are two parallel universes in Iran. In the first, all women are covered and alcohol is banned. The atmosphere is sombre, the sexes are segregated and people do not laugh too much in public.

In the second, there is gaiety and a sense of relief. Some of the modern women of Iran have stripped down to mini-skirts and short-sleeved tops with plunging necklines. They are the daughters of the women whom the leader of the Islamic Revolution, the late Ayatollah Khomeini, once said were "corrupted by the Shah's regime".

The ayatollah would be horrified if he could see some of the women of today carry on the traditions of their secular mothers. Behind closed doors, some women drink smuggled beer, whisky and liquors. They also dance to Western music with men who are not necessarily their husbands.

Muslim clerics promote only the first universe, which is the public face of Iran. Second is the private world, which Westerners only learn about through discreet friend-



Islamic fundamentalism still casts a shadow as girls with bags bearing prints of rock musicians shop in Tehran

ships. The two worlds used to coexist relatively openly, but not always harmoniously. The tensions between them helped to produce the Islamic revolution of 1979, when people with Westernised styles were forced out of public life.

But liberal attitudes have continued and, for some of the affluent secular women in the

northern suburbs of Tehran, this is the only way to cope with the repressive rules for public behaviour in the Islamic republic.

"Having fun? We can only do that when no one is looking," said one woman, a 26-year-old engineer. Although critical of the system, she was quick to say she is

proudly Iranian and would not live anywhere else. Speaking in English, she explained she had the opportunity to escape but decided to return to her homeland. She has travelled for months in Canada and the United States.

The richness of her culture drove her home again. She is a devotee of Persian poetry and Iranian films which have undergone a renaissance since the Islamic revolution. Directors have not been able to show physical intimacy, perhaps prompting them to explore deeper and more mysterious aspects of human relationships.

Iran is a place where moral policing has been broadened to include even a woman's smile or glance towards a man. Police have stopped women from smiling at men on the ground that to do so might "arouse satanic lust", as the *Iran News* reported.

The fundamentalist nature of the Islamic revolution has not overturned centuries of practice in the Shia faith. One of the most interesting is the concept of temporary unions. In Iran, sex before marriage is illegal. But the outgoing President, Ali Akbar Hashemi Rafsanjani, has spoken publicly of the sexual urges of youth and encouraged young men who could not afford perma-

nent marriages to enter into temporary marriages for sexual gratification.

While his sermon in 1990 caused a public storm, many believed he was simply restating the long established Shia principle of temporary marriage — a union which is not regarded as permanent or legal but is not adulterous.

Some Muslim religious authorities say this was tolerated by the Prophet Muhammad, and it has the advantage of allowing the children of such unions to be considered legitimate.

Sexual urges have not been banished by the Islamic revolution. Prostitution has flourished and prominent businessmen keep mistresses in smart apartments.

Hafiz, one of the most loved of the Persian poets, saw pleasure and religion as the most important incentives to human action. Even in the grip of fundamentalist Islam, the people still follow the example of Hafiz more than any ayatollah.

This was clearly shown in the landslide victory of the moderate Muslim cleric, President-elect Mohammad Khatami. He is now charged with the difficult task of finding a balance between the tendency of Iranians towards both hedonism and religion.

## Japan defeated in ploy to weaken whaling curbs

FROM JAN RAATH IN HARARE

THE first important encounter of the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species (Cites) meeting in Harare was fought yesterday, with Japan being beaten roundly in a tactical manoeuvre in its battle to resume whaling.

But the Japanese, with the backing of the world's leading fishing nations, quashed a United States proposal to set up a committee that was expected to lead to the first regulation of international sea fisheries by Cites within three years.

In both debates, delegates resorted to the secret ballot, a provision used only once before in Cites meetings, at the previous conference in Fort Lauderdale, Florida, in 1994. The use of the secret vote is a sign of the increasing intensity of clashes between lobby groups at the world's largest international wildlife forum.

Delegates voted 51 to 27 to defeat a proposal by Japan that the long-established for-

mal undertaking by Cites to follow the policies of the International Whaling Commission should be abandoned to allow Cites to make its own judgements and policies on whaling. Cites endorses the whaling commission's 11-year-old moratorium on whaling. The "delinking" resolution has been criticised widely as a tactic to weaken whale conservation because Cites has little expertise on whaling and relies on the commission.

Next week the conference is to decide on proposals from Japan and Norway for three species of whale in different parts of the world's oceans to be removed from Cites Appendix I for "critically endangered species".

"If that [the separation of Cites from the whaling commission] had gone ahead, it would have opened the way for the proposals on whaling next week," James Martin-Jones, head of conservation policy for the World Wide Fund for Nature, said.

Later, however, commercial fishing lobby groups easily collected support to thwart an attempt to set up a marine fisheries working group that would report in detail on the effect of commercial fishing on world fish populations.

The group would have been mandated to recommend listings that would have restricted or banned trade in species of fish regarded as threatened.

Cites now lists only hard coral, giant clams and Queen conches in its appendices, and provides no protection for vertebrates. International wildlife groups say there is little information on the state of marine fish populations, but that there is no doubt that many are near extinction.

The US proposal came nowhere near the two thirds majority needed for it to be passed: it was beaten by 50 votes to 49. Japan's opposition was strongly supported by Latin American and African countries.

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**Reviews of Jon Bon Jovi and an operatic double-bill from Britain's brightest young composer**

At least let's give him and his grey-beard loon a rousing cheer this year. Already one admirable institution has shown the way, announcing a *Mariner* exhibition for July and August. Congratulations to . . . the Wordsworth Museum in Grasmere. Coleridge would have loved the irony.



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# Why the true Europhile is a Eurosceptic

The EU is undermining the English common law, says Roger Scruton

The issue of Europe, which tore the Conservative Party in two, will not go away simply because the Tories are out of office. For it is deeper than politics, and concerns the whole past and future of our country.

The habit has arisen of dividing people into "Europhiles" and "Eurosceptics", and of denigrating the sceptics as "Little Englanders". The thought seems not to have occurred to those who take charge of our political education that scepticism towards the institutions of the European Union might stem from a love of Europe and a fear of the nationalist enthusiasms which are constantly threatening to destroy its culture. It is especially galling to be told this now, when the French have just voted in favour of their National Front and German youths are once again taking to the streets in search of the "enemy within". Or are we to conduct this debate as though there were no such thing as history, and no knowledge whatsoever to be gained from studying it?

Most Eurosceptics are also defenders of the United Kingdom, which grants to the English no Parliament, no sovereign, no army and no assets of their own, but obliges them to share all these things with the Scots, the Welsh and a troublesome segment of the Irish. Conservatives remain committed to the Union, since they regard it as a knot which was tied by history.

The process of union with Scotland began in 1603, when King James I of England and VI of Scotland succeeded to the English throne. It was completed only a century later, with the Act of Union. The Union remains contentious, but it endured. And it endured because it was not a decision, because it emerged slowly, as the by-product of more immediate matters, and because it was a natural expression of the geographical, linguistic and religious contiguity of the English and Scottish peoples.

The European Union, by contrast, is urged on us as a result of political decisions. It proceeds according to a timetable, and hastens forward with an urgency that is totally inexplicable to the sceptical observer, but which has much to do with Chancellor Kohl's prospects of holding office. In the light of this, we ought to ask ourselves whether the European Union could be as stable and as durable as the Union of England with Scotland.

We should try to ignore the wars and persecutions, the attempted suicide of 1914, the shameless destruction wrought by Hitler and the followers of Marx. For although these are part of history too, they show the nations of Europe in the poor light that falls on them whenever they succumb to either nationalist or internationalist delusions. Europe is above all civilisation. It includes the music of Germany which has conveyed Bach's joyful faith, Schubert's tender grieving and Beethoven's defiant solitude into the minds of every musical European. It includes the language and literature of France and that great experience of Paris, its *splendeurs et misères* — the experience of a mystical identity between the city and the human soul, recorded so powerfully by Baudelaire, Balzac and Proust.

Europe is the art and architecture of Italy — which acquaints us with a very different idea of the city, as a community of pilgrims. Europe is also the ecstatic religion of Spain and the threatening myths of the Finnish Kalevala. It is a seemingly endless experiment in spiritual possibilities, each unfolding through its own lore and landscape like a tapestry woven by

many hands. But when I ask myself what England is in all this, I find myself tending in a new direction.

Language and literature have exalted us to the same heights as the French, the Italians and the Germans. But it is not this that explains our distinctiveness, or our ability to spread ourselves outwards, to detach ourselves from the continent of Europe and to be always elsewhere and elsewhere. Our apartness is the result of our laws, the common law of England, which remains distinct from Scots law even now, after three centuries of the Union. This law, which arose by an invisible hand from the deliberations of countless judges, is the living record of our history. To study it is to explore, case by case, the archaeology of our national genius, to unearth not just decisions, rules and arguments, but the concrete reality of English life and the moving human conflicts that shaped and reshaped our country. On this wonderful artefact of natural justice has been built another: the system of equity, with its concepts of trust and beneficial ownership. Thanks to equity, the English have been able to build institutions without the permission of anyone but themselves, and to bypass the attempts by grandees, monarchs and Parliaments to divest them of their powers.

Anyone who reflects on the diversity of European culture and who understands just what is European in the King James Bible, in Janacek's *Křta Kabanová*, in Goethe's *Wilhelm Meister* or in the decision of the House of Lords in *Rylands v Fletcher* will know that all these things, deep down, have a common source of life in the Christian religion. But it is not to that source that the European Union refers. On the contrary: the European institutions are secular through and through, animated more by bureaucratic weariness than by the spiritual inheritance of Europe.

The seat of power is Brussels — an artificial capital, attached to two unhappy nations, both severed from their history and their linguistic roots by Great Power diplomacy. The directives that issue from Brussels could as well be designed for the administration of Antarctica or the government of the Galapagos Islands as for the wellbeing of Europe. And the feeble attempts by the overfunded and philistine propaganda machine to provide a marketable idea of "European culture" reveal, in their Disneyland vulgarity, the true source of the federal impulse, namely the television culture of modern America.

To an Englishman, however, this "Euro-culture" would be of no significance were it not for the fact that the spiritual achievement which is ours, and which stands to the English people as German music to the Germans and the idea of Paris to the French, has been directly discounted by the European machine. The European courts — staffed by judges who have no training remotely comparable to that required for the common law — have begun to unwind our legal inheritance, and thereby to destroy our self-understanding as a European people. This violence done to the English is bound to awaken a reaction, even among those who have no knowledge of the common law, but who respond to it with the instinctive sympathy that comes from living under its aegis. But I suspect that the English experience is only one instance of a feeling that is spreading elsewhere in Europe: that if you genuinely love Europe, then you cannot love the European Union.

## Beau Gesterie in Folkestone? Come off it, says Philip Howard

Strong, silent Britons with a past used to enlist in the French Foreign Legion in order to forget a broken heart or to escape the law. Today they are in danger of being impressed into it because they have forgotten to return their French call-up papers. Henry Tuson was arrested on French passport-control territory at Folkestone, handcuffed to gendarmes and shanghaied to army barracks at Lille, because he was suspected of avoiding national service. His arrest was a bureaucratic cock-up *à la godille* (getting his epaulettes in a twist). Master Tuson has a French mother, but he spent only the first three months of his life in France. And his adventure has written a new chapter in the romantic genre of Beau Gesterie.

The lure of the Foreign Legion is strong, in life as in fiction. In life, every European war since the 1830s has swelled the legion's ranks when the armies were unmastered. Soldiers who could not bear to stop fighting joined the legion. After the Falklands escapade of 1982, British recruits rose to one in ten of the legion.

In romantic fiction, the prolific English novelist P.C. Wren created the genre with *Beau Geste* (1925). But the supposed

glamour of the legion was spread worldwide by the film, the most popular silent movie of the 1920s, and its talking sequel of 1939 — although in the title role Gary Cooper did not talk so much as create his reputation for being strongly silent. These romances created the myth. In it the legionaries in their white képis, led by their drums and bugles, forever march into the sand dunes towards dusty death. Fort Zinderneuf is strangely silent because it is defended by a garrison of corpses. Sergeant Markoff is shouting: "Keep shooting, you scum! You'll get a chance yet to die with your boots on!" An officer cries: "Tell the Sergeant-Major that an advance party of the Foreign Legion on camels marches *en tenue de campagne d'Afrique* in nine minutes from when I shout *aux armes*. The rest of them on mules."

And, in the words of the Hollywood proverb: "The love of a man for a woman wastes and wastes like the moon, but the love of brother for brother is steadfast as the



stars and endures like the word of the Prophet." The glamour was created by the inaccessibility of the stars, the brevity of legionary life, and the self-sacrifice of the heroes beneath their macho crusts. Stir in the attraction of fancy dress frogging and the mystery of the Sahara *profonde*, where the Tuareg and the mirages roam beyond the oasis. Take a pinch of the legion's motto, *legio patria nostra*. Mix in Rudolph Valentino looking sexy as a sheikh on a camel. And you have a powerful modern myth.

In the deserts of the imagination, bugles still blow, the *tricolore* flies and the rough soldiers of fortune die with their boots on and their shady pasts forgotten. Death cancels all debts. Beau Gesterie has become a movie archetype. It has inspired as many films as *Robin Hood* or *Dracula*.

The books, though dated, wildly politically incorrect and snobbish, are still in print. And, at their level, they make rattling good yarns: "And is it the dying camel that cries

all this? I ask, even as I leap into my belt and boots, and rush to the door and shout, 'Aux armes! Aux armes!' to my splendid fellows and wish to God they were my Spahis."

And of course, like the books and the films, the myth is tosh. The Foreign Legion does indeed have a long history, but its record is no better than that of other little mercenary armies. Its battle honours are not a patch on those of the Gurkhas. In 1961 one regiment supported Algerian insurgents against the French Government and was disbanded in disgrace.

The myth of its invincibility was always legendary, in the literal sense. But it was finally exploded at Dien Bien Phu when the Viet Minh, without romance or glamorous (or indeed any) uniforms, destroyed the legion. That and the Algerian debacle led to the downfall of the Fourth Republic.

The proper place for Beau Gesterie is the back of the stalls, equipped with popcorn and tissues. Avoid the white képi and all who wear it in real life at all costs. And if you have even the remotest French connections, stay away from passport control.

## Passed with flying colours

BA's redesign strikes a blow against dreary corporate images and should raise a cheer for British industry

The ack-ack opened up even before the squadron was airborne. "Unpatriotic... wallpaper catalogue... I spy guide to world culture... kids with spray cans could have done better... so much kitchen-floor lino... mocked in every corner of the globe... Air Gabon crossed with Air Inca." Yes, you guessed it. Another British institution is struggling against the odds to break new ground. The one thing the British do even better than break new ground is murder the ground-breakers. Every innovator must have his tormentors. Every first night needs its claque.

Even so, the shrapnel that peppered British Airways' new livery last week was spectacular. Commercial rivals, lobbyists, art critics, trade unionists, MPs, anyone with a mobile number known to the press was summoned to attack the £60 million redesign. Virgin remarked that its own logo "cost nothing". Sebastian Coe said it was "walking away from Britain". The National Art Collections Fund — why them? — said BA was "extraneous and confusing". Brian Sewell said it was "lunacy". Where were the Spice Girls and Arthur Scargill? They must have gone intocommunicado.

Let us pause and indulge in a moment's fantasy. Suppose that rather than announce a new livery last week, BA had done the opposite. Suppose all the critics were invited to a conference and told that BA was considering a change but had no ideas. What would these critics suggest — no holds barred, no expense spared?

The debate would have gone like this. BA's existing design would have been rubbishised as out of date, that of a ponderous multinational with both feet stuck in British concrete. Since 60 per cent of its passengers are non-British, BA should break away from its chauvinist straitjacket. There should be no more wittering about "flying the flag". The coat of arms and the tail-fin design should go. Most foreigners associate the Union Jack with the underpants of football hooligans. Customers do not want "BA" screamed at them from every damp trolley, any more than they want the relentless clatter of the "have-a nice-day" aircrews.

The radicals at the seminar would have warmed to the theme. Why not do away with corporate identity altogether? Tear up the rulebook. Make each product individual. Adorn every piece of paper or equipment with smiling photographs of people from around the globe. Get rid of corporate logos. Tail-fins are outdated as advertisement hoardings. Use them as flying art galleries. Be daring. Go for David Hockney and Peter Blake. Go for unknowns, for ceramic and calligraphy artists, for folk crafts- men. Cheer up the world. Brighten the sky. Big need not be boring.

And these things would have been said — and meant. And what has BA done? It has done precisely what the critics would have sug-



gested. In other words, it has spoilt their fun. It shot every fox before the hunt had begun, and left the huntmen fuming at the start. Capitalists are not supposed to do this.

BA's designers, Newell and Sorrell, appear to have detonated a bomb under their profession. Their philosophy, we are told, was that the corporate identity of BA should lie not in logos and standardised design but in quality of service. Transport companies have spent half a century shedding the image of manufacturing industry and learning to "serve". Airlines prosper by word of mouth. That word is quality. The only standardisation should be in personal attention. No amount of paint can cover up incompetence.

The only oddity is that this message should be so revolutionary. I regard most corporate design

as visual music: burps, squiggles and doodles aimlessly filling space. BA needed a signature but saw no reason why it should be the same everywhere. If the product is good, the packaging can afford to be diverse, eye-catching, daring. An

airline has a vast quantity of empty space to decorate. A confident business can dare to go "upmarket". It can bring original works of art to the heart of its commercial culture. It can respond

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This obsession ruined British design in the 1960s and 1970s. It flattered boardroom egos but its monotony depressed staff and customers alike. It gave Britain the Bass Charrington pub doors, Watney's Red Barrel, the Happy Eater, Network Southeast and BT's appalling phone kiosks, now mercifully departing. Nor was such a grim aesthetic confined to business. One reason why "government" is disliked the world over is that its corporate identity is so monolithic and inhuman. It cannot shed the incubus of bigness.

Some standardised design fits snugly into its surroundings. I believe that the London bus should be red, the London taxi black and the London square stucco. Such rules give dignity to the environment and please the eye. They indicate a community able to discipline itself. Equally a community ready to take risks with art and architecture is a community with self-confidence. Britain has so few murals and public sculptures because it has lacked the patronage of confident civic leaders. Committees rarely take risks.

Perhaps planes are a special case. They are already flying murals, aerial sculptures. BA is not the first to realise this. Braniff asked Alexander Calder to paint one of its planes. Château Mouton Rothschild asked Chagall and others to paint its wine labels. If the art offends — and the art commissioned by BA is hardly offensive — it cannot do so for long. We rarely see a plane for more than a few seconds. The new livery is intended as globally competitive. If BA wants to steal market share from KLM, SAA and Air Canada, I cannot imagine a more decorous way than to daub its planes with work by Dutch, Ndebele and Canadian artists. If the old *City of Dundee* is renamed after the painter Emlyn Masanabo, so much the better. They used to name ships after the chairman's mistress.

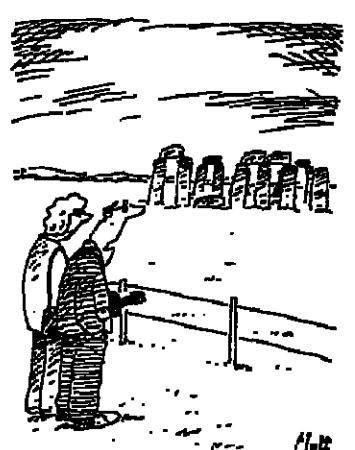
Such moments of corporate history should be savoured. One critic's response was to inquire whether aircrews would be wearing grass skirts on flights to the Pacific — philistinism reduced to absurdity. BA should turn the tables on its enemies and distribute copies of the dossier comments to its passengers. (I gather the only critics have been British.)

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## Floating vote

IN a victory for die-in-the-ditch traditionalists, the members of the Royal Hong Kong Yacht Club have voted to retain their royal title. In an extraordinary meeting on Thursday, members defied a fac-



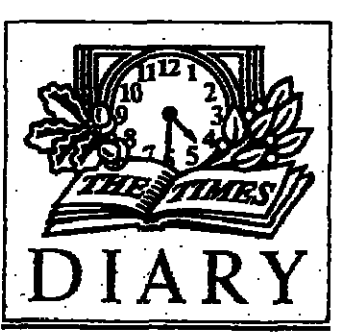
"The latest theory is it's an abandoned visitors' centre"

tion led by Club Commodore David Kong, who had hoped that the "Royal" would be dropped to avoid antagonising their new Chinese masters. From the moment of the handover, the club will simply translate its name into Chinese, retaining the "royal".

Despite being regarded as rather nouveau, more Bacardi Gold than gin fizz, the Yacht Club has shamed the Jockey Club and the Hong Kong Golf Club, which, like the colony's RSPCA and RNLI, have dropped their "royal" tags.

Not that the decision came easily. Many members, some of them divided along ethnic lines, were refusing to speak to each other over the issue.

Last year the club magazine *Ahoy!* had refused to publish a thank-you letter from the Queen because of fears that the club's colonial links might discourage the Chinese Navy from rendering emergency assistance to members in trouble. The downside for the royalists is that the Queen will be



replaced as patron of the club by China's President Jiang Zemin. With the decision made, however, the club can now look forward to the 24-hour bash it has organised to celebrate the handover. It will be called "One Party, Two Hangovers". It should end the infighting, temporarily.

Tied up WITH the Chancellor, Gordon Brown, looking like a spare part in his lounge suit at the Mansion House black tie dinner on Thursday night, over in Greenwich the Defence Minister, George Robertson, proved himself more adapt-

able. At a dinner at the Royal Naval College attended by the Prince of Wales, he arrived in a perfectly pressed white tie, as instructed on the invitation. Had he decided that taking the Brown line just was not worth the inevitable harrumphs he would have received from the Navy? No, says his spokesman at the MoD. "There was no question of Mr Robertson disobeying the dress stipulations. It would have been an insult to the Prince."

A fuller picture begins to emerge of the important work being done by Peter Mandelson, Minister without Portfolio. On Thursday, he held a meeting for all junior ministers. While he talked, civil servants were stunned to see the new ministers behaving like eunuchs of the Ming court, obediently nodding and taking down notes as their master spoke wide-rangingly of departmental logos.

Deep freeze ARRIVING at the Grosvenor House Arts and Antiques Fair on Thursday evening, Baroness Thatcher ran into her old friend

Lord Archer of Weston-Super-Mare on his way out. What happened next made Mussolini's invasion of Abyssinia look like a fair fight. As soon as she spotted Archer, Lady Thatcher's face froze into a terrifying, imperial mask, the sort of face Africans would carve in wood.

Archer began to quail. He even started backing off. Lady T moved in, flanked by her husband Sir Denis. Archer was soon in a corner.



Stares: Archer and Thatcher

Thatcher came within two feet of him. She watched him squirm, then after a few moments turned and walked away. Not a word had passed between the two.

## Ivana be alone

DESPAIR has set in among London's canapé crowd at the news that Ivana Trump, socialite, has failed to arrive in town for The Season. In previous years, her arrival has been metrometric.

Fears were raised on Thursday night, when she did not show up at the gala preview of the Grosvenor House Arts and Antiques Fair in Park Lane, *de rigueur* for her class. There was still no sign of her last night, when she and her current husband, the Italian businessman Riccardo Mazzuchelli, were due to host a dinner party in aid of the *Accademia Italiana*. Sixteen guests had paid £125 each for the privilege of dining with the couple in their Knightsbridge home.

"Ivana is a very busy woman. She has decided to stay in New York to make some speeches," says a benefi Mazzuchelli, who in his wife's absence has been forced to



Apart: Ivana and husband

employ an extra eight staff to arrange the dinner, three alone to do the flowers.

"I am hoping that she will be in London by the end of next week because she is due to appear on QVC (a cable shopping channel)," he adds forlornly. Meanwhile, As-out's Royal Enclosure is bracing itself for the unthinkable — Ladies' Day without Ivana.

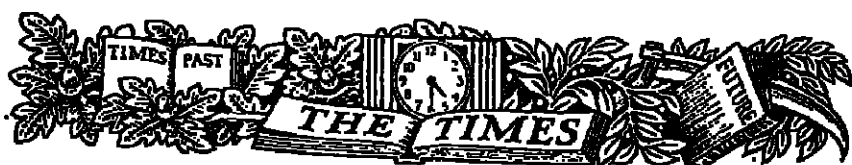
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## IN AMSTERDAM

Blair's first serious international test

Against the background of yesterday's unusually public Franco-German deadlock over the French demands for a European public works programme to boost employment, Tony Blair flies to Amsterdam today. This summit, which is intended to finalise a new European Union treaty to succeed that of Maastricht, is his first important international test. It will not be an easy one.

The Prime Minister is making his sixth journey across the Channel in as many weeks. Since taking office, he has been keen to make the most of his promised "fresh start" in Europe. This is sensible, since fresh starts are, by definition, time-limited. In these initial get-to-know-you encounters his European colleagues have accorded him a warm welcome, not just because goodwill reaps its rewards but because Mr Blair has about him the aura of the EU's most conspicuously popular and successful politician. But this is not to say that Mr Blair has put them entirely at ease. On the contrary, the coalitions of the Left which currently dominate the EU find new Labour's brand of socialism disconcerting and even irritating; they had not expected such zeal for economic deregulation and flexible labour markets.

The polite preliminaries are now over. This summit is about decisions, not mood music; and the final Dutch draft released on Thursday contains clauses that are clearly, and in some instances unexpectedly, inimical to British interests. On the Continent, this treaty is seen as only a minor step to deeper integration. That is not the case.

The issue to which the Government has given most prominence is Britain's control over its borders. In the name of "freedom, security and justice", it is proposed to incorporate into the treaty the Schengen accord eliminating frontiers signed by 13 of the EU's 15 states. Fearing that judgments in the European Court could render an opt-out vulnerable to erosion, the Government has demanded a legally watertight guarantee that Britain retains complete sovereignty over its frontiers and immigration controls.

Since the Government also insists on a full say in the way the new regime works, there is grumbling about Britain wanting to have its cake and eat it too. The new draft indicates, however, that Britain will get what it wants. The same cannot confidently be said about three other vital matters: trade, def-

ence and the rules governing future extensions of co-operation under EU auspices.

Trade is one of the rare issues on which Britain ought to be battling hard for adding to the Commission's powers. It makes sense for the EU to speak with one voice in international trade negotiations and the Commission has a good record of standing up to protectionist pressures from EU governments. It wants the treaty to extend its existing mandate, which covers only trade in goods, to services and intellectual property. This is by no means the "secondary issue" that some diplomats in Brussels have suggested. If the Blair Government is serious about making Europe competitive, here is where it should be seen to lead the free-trading Benelux and Nordic countries against the protectionists headed by France.

Such a positive commitment to European integration would also help Mr Blair to keep the veto ready, as he must, against two other proposals. The first is the Franco-German plan to absorb the Western European Union into the EU — a move Britain has consistently opposed on the ground that the EU is not and should never be a military alliance. The second is "flexibility", the arrangement whereby some EU countries may embark on fresh areas of co-operation which others do not want to join. Britain agrees with the principle — but only if any such decision is unanimous. Mr Blair's Dutch friends have abruptly changed the draft to make this a matter for qualified majority vote. Britain is almost certain to be isolated. Even if that appeals Mr Blair, it should not deter him.

The Prime Minister's ambitions for Amsterdam go beyond the immediate business of this negotiation. Together with Gordon Brown, he has begun a crusade for the dynamic economic and labour market policies that alone can generate, through enhanced growth and competitiveness, the jobs Europe needs. The message falls on stony ground for now: governments are too obsessed with the struggle to fit inside the EMU straitjacket. But the more strains are placed in the EMU project, the more necessary will be a new strategy around which European publics as well as governments can unite. Mr Blair's understanding that language matters had much to do with his election victory. It could yet be the key to a successful British strategy for Europe.

## HEALTHY FIGURES

Labour should keep tax relief on healthcare for the over-60s

There are often good reasons why the unthinkable has not been thought, and a shrewd politician will ensure that policy reviews are properly focused on reforms which have a sporting chance of enactment. It is, nevertheless, a shade unfortunate for Frank Dobson that his honest, and undiscriminate, attempt to get to grips with the funding crisis in the health service should have been sabotaged by scares.

There is a case for reviewing charges in the NHS. The principle of free care at the point of need was breached almost at birth by the 1945-51 Labour Government. Charges may deter some but will also make the behaviour of others more rational. The current review, however, has only just begun. Where Labour can be criticised is on a policy already in place which elevates egalitarianism above efficiency.

The Government is committed to abolishing tax relief on private medical insurance for those over 60. The change should yield, on the basis of 1995-96 figures, around £100 million for the Exchequer. It will damage the private medical sector and for no overwhelming benefit. The sum that would be raised by abolition would currently cover the NHS's wage bill for just 32 hours.

That gain is, in any case, likely to be wiped out by the burden placed on the NHS from those currently taking advantage of the scheme who will no longer be able to afford insurance. Insurers calculate that at least a third, and probably more, of those over 60 who enjoy insurance cover will drop out. The taxpayer will have clawed back 23 per cent of the cost of all private medical

insurance for those over 60 but will then find himself covering the healthcare costs for at least 33 per cent of those people.

Although the Exchequer might think that it will gain by recouping 23 per cent of the premiums while only bearing costs, and thus gains a sure thing in return for a risk, the reality of healthcare for the over-60s makes it a bad bargain. The insurers estimate that at least 80 per cent, and in some cases up to 100 per cent, of premiums in that age range are paid back in treatment claims. On the most optimistic industry estimate, the NHS will find itself paying more to care for patients no longer privately insured than it could hope to gain from the abolition of tax relief. The insurers' guess that the NHS will lose £200 million. It is a curious piece of surgery which would see Labour cutting off its fiscal nose to spite its public face.

Away from the actuarial drawing board, there are broader policy reasons for reversing this pledge. The rationale behind any form of charging, even on existing prescriptions, is a broad attempt to ensure that those who can afford it make a contribution to their own care. Encouraging any citizen to take out private provision relieves the burden on the health service. Rather than forcing patients who use the NHS to contemplate charges, why not tempt more people to pay for their care outside? The NHS could then use the same resources for fewer patients, and would be more capable of providing care without additional charges. Both for those who wish to go private, and those who could never afford to do so, it would be both more rational and more reassuring.

## SQUARING THE STONE CIRCLE

Ancient Stonehenge needs modernisation, and money

Stonehenge has cut its stark silhouette against the Wiltshire skies for more than five millennia. Its origins are wreathed in mystery. Now its future is beginning to appear equally uncertain.

The tranquillity of this prehistoric site has long been disrupted by modernity. Only 300 yards away the A344 slices through the landscape. More seriously, the rumble of traffic on the A303 trunk road sets the stones vibrating for 18 out of 24 hours. Conservationists express grave concern. English Heritage, the quango that owns the site, has proposed a £44 million project to grass over the nearest road and build a visitor centre three miles away. This would restore the windswept plains to their desolation. Yesterday the Millennium Commission refused to provide half the funds for the project from lottery cash.

Too cavalier an attitude has been taken to many of our monuments. In London the postwar development of Paternoster Square still blights the setting of St Paul's Cathedral. The Tower of London stands marooned amid polluted highways. It would be overly complicated to disrupt the tight urban infrastructure of our capital, but Stone-

henge, with its more accommodating setting in rural Wiltshire, lends itself more easily to major improvement.

A million people visit Stonehenge a year, of whom more than half find it disappointing. Its tourist facilities are dismal. An educational centre would help to guide people through the topography of an area which includes some 450 prehistoric sites. It would also divert the bored or impatient tourists who linger in the stone circle, trampling and damaging its surrounds.

The hostile barriers which now surround and sully the primeval purity of the site would be dismantled. Those with a serious interest, or who seek to communicate more closely with our ancient heritage, would be able to study the stones at close quarters.

In the past five years, some £2 million has been spent researching the alternative scheme for Stonehenge. This money must not be wasted. If the Millennium Commission's objections really are insuperable, this is an ideal opportunity for enterprising elements within the private sector to take up the challenge of investing in our heritage. It ought to be a profitable venture both for the investors and for the nation.

## Tories invited to listen and learn

From Lord Feldman

Sir, The most important task of the newly elected Conservative leader will be the appointment of the party chairman.

As Chairman of the National Union between 1991 and 1996, I had the opportunity of working with four party chairmen — each with different personalities, abilities, skills and experience.

Although politics can't be directly compared with business, few people would invest in a major company which had four executive chairmen in five years. The new leader should not, therefore, appoint someone simply as a reward for the work that they have done in his leadership campaign. We need a long-term chairman.

The party chairman must be a good listener and have a warm personality, to inspire and enthuse party workers. He must also have presentational skills and be receptive to new technology.

He has to find a little time each week to walk around Central Office, talking to people in their offices and building morale. He does not need to be an MP — I can remember the days of the Thatcher-Thornycroft duo, which for many years was an outstanding success.

There may be a case for joint chairmen, one to travel around the country, "cuddling" party workers and helping to bring new people into the party, while the other is based at Central Office, developing political strategy and ensuring that Central Office is run economically and efficiently.

All in all, this is a complex job (or jobs), but once we get the right leader, and the right chairman, we can then start our fightback.

Yours faithfully,  
FELDMAN,  
House of Lords,  
June 12.

From the National Chairman of the Young Conservatives

Sir, Much has been made of this week's survey of grassroots Conservative opinion on the leadership election. The consultation clearly showed that the campaign is a two-horse race between Ken Clarke and William Hague. However, the survey did not provide a complete picture of grassroots opinion.

Whilst the survey took account of the views of natural Ken Clarke supporters, such as Members of the European Parliament, it did not cover the branch chairmen of the youth sections of the Conservative Party. Our own survey of the opinions of Young Conservative branch chairmen prior to the first round revealed 57 per cent support for William Hague, 17 per cent for Peter Lilley, 8 per cent each for John Redwood and Ken Clarke and 7 per cent for Michael Howard.

The Conservative Party desperately needs an energetic leader, committed to reform of the party, who can attract more young supporters. It also needs a leader who can unite the grassroots supporters in their opposition to a single currency. It is overwhelmingly the view of young members of the party that William Hague is the candidate best placed for the job.

Yours faithfully,  
JASON D. HOLLANDS,  
National Chairman,  
Young Conservatives,  
32 Smith Square, SW1,  
June 12.

From Mr Andrew Reid and others

Sir, The next Conservative Party leader should be able to appeal to the entire student population. The party needs a leader who can embrace the pragmatic centre ground of British politics, espousing the free-market politics with a social conscience to which ordinary students can relate. More importantly, we need a leader whom students from every walk of life can respect — a leader who can appeal to all.

Kenneth Clarke is the only candidate who can do this: his compassionate social outlook and his commitment to the opportunities which European Union membership affords strike a chord with students. Not only does he understand how to run the successful market economy upon which graduate jobs depend but his down-to-earth nature makes him the natural choice of centre-right students.

Yours faithfully,  
ANDREW REID  
(National Chairman,  
Conservative Students, 1994-95),  
JUSTIN POWELL-TUCK (1995-96),  
MICHAEL HALL (1996-97),  
21 Charlbert Court,  
Charlbert Street, NWS,  
June 12.

From Mrs Elspeth Foster

Sir, Having always voted Conservative I am appalled at the apparent arrogance of the party when it comes to voting for the new leader. They are completely ignoring the stated wishes of the rank and file. We do not want William Hague — we have said so through the constituency chairmen — and yet, still, our handful of MPs are bent on imposing him on us as leader.

Kenneth Clarke has clout, credibility and parliamentary presence. Furthermore, he cannot be accused of being boring.

Yours etc,  
ELSPETH FOSTER,  
55 Vale Road, Bushey, Hertfordshire,  
June 13.

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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### Artists review critics' performance

From Mr Philip Langridge

Sir, Melvyn Bragg ("The accused deserves the right to reply", Arts, June 9) is right when he says that "the critics say whatever they want in public"; but actually so do we the artists. We say what we believe in public through our chosen artistic medium, and there are many different ways of saying it.

Surely the whole point of the arts is to probe and question. We do this in our own individual ways — I as an opera singer — and yet there is a risk of taking ourselves too seriously.

The article seemed to me to assume that the reviewer (a better word than "critic") is usually negative, but in my experience praise is often given where it is due.

For me, the saddest part of the deal is that some readers who do not attend a performance will accept a review as fact and become experts in that which they have not experienced.

Perhaps we could compromise by beginning any review with a statement that this is only one person's informed opinion on that particular day and (as is often mentioned in your financial pages) that the value of praise "may rise as well as fall" in subsequent performance.

Yours faithfully,  
PHILIP LANGRIDGE,  
Wellfield House, Brook,  
Nr Godalming, Surrey,  
June 9.

From Mr Colin Simms

Sir, My thanks as a poet to Melvyn Bragg for another thought-provoking piece; especially for the unlikely prospect of makers and critics "arguing" publicly.

As an instance of an artist who has suffered the careless lash of the critics, Mr Bragg cites R. B. Kitaj, the painter whose "revenge play on canvas" has just won a £25,000 award for "the most distinguished" work at the Royal Academy's Summer Exhibition (re-

ports and photographs, May 28 and June 12).

Another who suffered the same fate was the Scottish poet Hugh MacDiarmid, who introduced me to Kitaj's work some 20-odd years ago. He predicted to me then that Kitaj would suffer "at least as much" as he had; but we agreed it was perhaps better to have even bitter critics than no notice at all, which is what happened and does happen to too many true "makers" (Scotts: creator/poet), often until their careers are mature or even over.

Who knows how they might be affected, their work modified, by timely critical attention? But in the end, as MacDiarmid and many another have declared, few critics really matter, and true artists often have (not merely say they have) literally no time for critics or for arguing with them. Real work must go on...

Yours faithfully,  
COLIN SIMMS,  
Cross Fell Cottage,  
Garrigill, nr Alston, Cumbria,  
June 12.

From Mr Ken Rowat

Sir, In my view, as a writer and a former painter, an "artists bite back" feature would quickly run out of steam. Genuine artists are usually too preoccupied with their work to bother with enervating polemics.

Such an arena would also be of questionable benefit to practitioners in the visual arts, for while writers can defend themselves effectively, most painters and sculptors make a hash of trying to express themselves coherently with words.

We might as well let the critics have plenty of rope — they have always proved so entertainingly good at hanging themselves.

Yours faithfully,  
KEN ROWAT,  
24 George Street, Sherborne, Dorset,  
June 10.

### Press freedom

From the Lord Chancellor

Sir, I have long upheld press freedom. On becoming Lord Chancellor I resigned after a long stint on the Appointments Commission to the Press Complaints Commission. Mr Howard Gardner's note (letter, June 13) that I would threaten press freedom is bizarre.

Labour had a manifesto commitment to undertake a wide-ranging review both of Lord Woolf's proposed reforms of civil justice and of legal aid. Press briefings are for the specialist press. I invited all the specialist legal correspondents to a briefing on the day after I appointed Sir Peter Middleton to conduct the review. It was confined to the subject of the review. This is the single most important subject that I have to address in my first year as Lord Chancellor. No one could doubt that it merits a press briefing for specialists in its own right.

My chairmanship of key Cabinet committees, concerned with the Government's programme of constitution-

al reform, is well known. It is equally well known that the discussions of these committees are confidential. That has been the invariable practice of successive governments. Journalists would not be doing their job if they did not attempt to question me at my first press briefing on the development of that programme. In due time I will be giving interviews on this, too. Meanwhile, what was needed was a focused press briefing on the subjects Sir Peter will consider.

There was no "implied threat of possible banishment if they did not do as they were told". On the contrary, I see great merit in being open and frank with the press about the subjects on which they will be interviewing me.

After the briefing, when my press officer was showing the journalists out, she indeed said: "I look forward to seeing what you all write tomorrow." We certainly did. What they wrote was full and fair.

Yours,  
IRVINE OF LAIRG,  
House of Lords,  
June 13.

### The business of charity

From Mr Roger Opie

Sir, Peter Mandelson's call for a partnership for job creation between the Government and charities and voluntary organisations is a most welcome initiative (report, June 9). The not-for-profit sector could provide an invaluable working environment for jobless young people as well as for the long-term unemployed.

Charities have had to become extremely businesslike in a world of limited resources; working in this sector is not simply a question of campaigning for just causes, worthwhile though that clearly is. Skills and capabilities can be acquired that will boost anyone's employability. High standards of ethical behaviour, sometimes lacking elsewhere, are usually to be found.

Mr Mandelson also urges charities to adopt more sophisticated techniques when dealing with the media. Although there has been no shortage of unfavourable coverage recently, the real issue is not the media's portrayal of charities' work but the commitment of government to help both young people and the not-for-profit sector. Mr Mandelson could create a success without overstretching public funds.

As an undoubted good cause, job-creation schemes would be an uncon-

troversial destination for the National Lottery's substantial profits.

Yours faithfully,  
ROGER OPIE  
(Director of Educational Services),  
The Industrial Society,  
Robert Hyde House,  
48 Bryanston Square, W1.

From the Director of Reach

Sir, Mr Mandelson suggests charities should adopt more of the techniques of political spin-doctors in order to exploit the media better.

Many charities would be happy to emulate his success but lack the professional know-how to make newsworthy stories from the many positive achievements of the voluntary sector and not just from the usual scandals and disasters.

We recruit retired people with wide-ranging managerial or professional experience and place them as volunteers with other charities needing their expertise. With a few more PR professionals coming forward to offer their skills — perhaps just for one or two days a week — we could start to make Peter Mandelson's vision a reality.

Yours sincerely,  
JILL I. MUNDAY,  
Director, Reach,  
Bear Wharf, 27 Bankside, SE1,  
June 10.

### Trees in Oxfordshire

From Mr Nicholas Potter

Sir, Mr Nicholas Albery, who proposes the planting of an avenue of the most common British trees as a millennium project (letter, June 3), may like to know that the Oxfordshire Woodland Group is establishing an arboretum along similar lines at a site near Wittenham Clumps, south of Oxford. The inaugural tree — a native oak — was planted in December 1996.

The trees are not planted in the alphabetical order that Mr Albery proposes: that would not suit the landscape or the shape of the wood, and it is simply not natural. The physical characteristics of trees have to be taken into account — a group of Wellingtonia could soon suppress groups of walnut and whitebeam planted on either side.

Each species has its own informally shaped block, so that the overall effect will eventually be that of mature woodland, providing a wide range of wildlife habitats as well as catering for educational needs. Commonly confused species, such as Common oak and Sessile oak, are being planted next to each other for comparative purposes.

Yours sincerely,  
NICHOLAS POTTER (Chairman,  
Oxfordshire Woodland Group),  
Lees Rest, Charlbury, Oxfordshire,  
June 9.

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### Dilemma facing the Fitzwilliam

From the Director of the Fitzwilliam Museum

Sir, In their rush to judgment on the proposed extension to the Fitzwilliam Museum's Founders' Building designed by George Basevi, both Marcus Binney (report, June 7) and John Adamson (article, same day) overlooked the overall development plan for the museum of which the proposed north wing is a part.

Among the drawings which Basevi supplied to the university there is a plan, dated June 20, 1836, which shows lateral extensions to the north and south of his proposed building. When Smith & Brewer's south extension was projected in 1922 there were objections (not from Peterhouse, who sold the land for the purpose) which the resounding success of their Marlay galleries overcame.

It is not surprising that John Miller's designs raise concerns, but they deserve careful consideration, not dismissal out of hand. Far from demolishing any part of Basevi's building, Miller's proposed addition to the north side is both modest in scale and highly respectful. Its one offence, apparently, is to be visible from Peterhouse.

The north wing forms part of a larger scheme which includes, for £10.9 million, another building in the courtyard at the southern end of the museum. Both are designed to make up the deficit of space which has existed in the museum throughout the century. They also reflect important changes in museum use; less to do with the growth of the collections than with caring for them, displaying them and interpreting them in one of the world's finest university museums.

Mr Adamson admits no such functions for this or any museum. Instead he treats buildings as works of art isolated from their purposes. It is a sad reflection that, from the other side of the garden wall, the museum is seen by some only as a facade.

Yours faithfully,

DUNCAN ROBINSON,  
Director, The Fitzwilliam Museum,  
Trumpington Street, Cambridge,  
June 10.

From Dr Selby Whittingham

Sir, If Mr Adamson's analysis of museums' tendency to perpetual growth is correct, then the abandonment of the proposed extension to the Fitzwilliam Museum's Basevi Building for which he pleads can only be the postponement of an evil. In due course even bigger extensions on the same site will be needed and eventually covetous eyes will be turned on Peterhouse itself.

On the same day as Mr Adamson's article, you report the problems Cambridge experiences from having too many visitors. A vital society would create new centres of excellence rather than inflate existing ones until they burst. The adage that either museums grow or die is disproved by those enjoyably modest ones to which the power of enlarging their collections has been denied by their founders.

Yours faithfully,  
SELBY WHITTINGHAM,  
Turner House,  
133 Cromwell Road, SW5.

### Controlled fusion

From Professor M. G. Haines

Sir, Your report, "Big lasers pose threat to peace, experts say" (June 5), states scientists' fear that large lasers currently being developed in the US and France may lead to devices able to ignite thermonuclear explosions without the need for a fission trigger. The report did not say that these lasers will be the size of Wembley Stadium and, for all their precision and power, will only trigger sufficient fusion energy to make a pot of tea.

The purpose of these lasers is essentially scientific and is part of the mission "Stockpile Stewardship". In keeping with the Non-Proliferation Treaty, the experimental data obtained will help verify computer simulations related to the maintenance of Western nuclear defence in the absence of underground tests. There is no new weapon here, but indeed, as stated, it could be a stepping-stone to controlled fusion.

Yours sincerely,  
M. G. HAINES,  
Imperial College of Science,  
Technology and Medicine,  
The Blackett Laboratory,  
Prince Consort Road, SW7.

### Talking point

From Professor Alec Eden

Sir, This morning I received a letter from a company describing themselves as "international publishing consultants". It referred to a letter of mine that you were recently kind enough to publish in your columns (May 26).

This letter, I am informed, "shows outstanding literary merit and an exceptionally high standard of creative writing. It was the subject of our weekly discussion group".

What was the object of these consultants' adulation? It was what I refer to as "a bottom right-hand corner one-liner", a single sentence of 26 words.

Yours faithfully,  
ALEC EDEN,  
The Thatcher House,  
Mead Road, Torquay, Devon,  
June 13.







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# NU shares expected to trade above 340p

By MARIANNE CURPHEY, INSURANCE CORRESPONDENT

SHARES in Norwich Union are expected to start trading at between 340p and 350p when the insurer comes to the stock market on Monday, boosting the minimum payout for policyholders by 25 per cent, to £1,050.

Members who hold on to their shares could be even better off as the price is squeezed higher by institutional investors. A number of predators, including AMP of Australia, are expected to start building up their holdings on the first day of trading.

Market-makers were reporting keen buying by fund

managers, on the unofficial "grey" market yesterday, with some quoting the expected opening price as 353p. The bidding process for institutions to buy into Norwich Union's book-building exercise closed last night. A large proportion of bids were from Europe and the United States.

The offer for individuals closed on Tuesday. A significant number of private investors have applied for the maximum share allocation of £100,000. City Index, the financial bookmakers, said that the price in the grey market was between 343p and 353p yesterday, up from the opening quotation of 300p to 310p. IC Index quoted 345p to 354p. Both Norwich Union's public offer, open to private investors and institutions, and the members' offer, open to the company's existing policyholders, have been up to six times oversubscribed.

The strike price at which shares will be allocated to individuals and institutions who applied in advance is expected to be 290p, but will be confirmed tomorrow. The official range for the share price from Kleinwort Benson, Norwich Union's adviser, is 240p to 290p. Members who applied via the members' offer are eligible for a 25p per share discount.

Most institutions indicated to Kleinwort Benson that they were prepared to pay the strike price.

Two dissenting US investors in Lloyd's of London have begun a lawsuit against Norwich Union. Mark and Elizabeth Levy launched their action in California, alleging breach of contract, negligence and fraud. The action relates to an investment company managed and marketed by Lloyd's through which US citizens made investments at Lloyd's. Norwich Union said: "We have the writ and we are seeking legal advice."

Not enough shares, page 30



SIR PETER OSBORNE had good news for investors in Osborne & Little yesterday. The wallpaper and furnishing fabrics group, which disappointed some investors at the interim stage when it said

it would not be paying a third annual special dividend, is increasing its final dividend to 12p from 7.5p. This gives a full-year dividend of 20p, against last year's 24.5p, which included a 12.5p

special payment. Sir Peter, chairman, reported a 12 per cent rise in pre-tax profits to £4.82 million in the year to March 31 on turnover up 16 per cent to £32.1 million. The shares rose 15p to 770p.

## SWT staff in pensions challenge

By CAROLINE MERRELL

EMPLOYEES of South West Trains, owned by Stagecoach, have launched a legal challenge to new pension terms being imposed by the newly privatised company.

The SWT workers are hoping to substantially increase their pension rights in the scheme, which was part of the former British Rail fund. At privatisation this fund, which was operated for all rail employees,

was worth around £7 billion. The employees want their pensions to be based on their whole salaries, not a lesser percentage, as agreed at the time of the sale of SWT to Stagecoach. Brian Souter, Stagecoach chairman, received pension benefits worth £62,000 last year.

If the employees win their

case, it could cost the SWT pension scheme hundreds of thousands of pounds. The other schemes operated by the 25 rail franchise-holders could also be affected.

Last year, SWT reached an agreement with Aslef, the biggest rail workers' union, over employment terms and conditions. The rail franchisees agreed to change the way

pensions were calculated. Instead of using a basic £11,000 level of pay, which is based on final salary, South West Trains agreed to uprate this to £18,000.

However, a group of SWT employees want all pay to be included when calculating pension benefits.

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## English China Clays shares advance 14%

By CARL MORTISHED

SHARES of English China Clays, the materials group, rose 14 per cent after it revealed volume and margin gains in Europe and North America.

ECC said that sales volumes in Europe in the first five months of the year had increased 4 per cent over the comparable period in 1996, while US sales volumes had risen 2 per cent.

ECC plunged into loss last

year after it took a one-off charge of £95 million for restructuring and a write-down of its middle Georgia kaolin reserves.

Patrick Drayton, finance director, said that the improved profitability stemmed in part from increasing volumes as demand for coated papers improved in the US.

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## Warning on profits knocks Logica price

By MARTIN BARROW

THERE was more bad news for Logica investors yesterday, when the software group revealed profits would fall short of City expectations this year.

The shares, worth £10.62 as recently as March, fell 94p to 755p as the company said that profits would be affected by the strength of the pound and slower than expected headcount growth in the UK.

Even the announcement of

contracts in the UK, France and Indonesia failed to rekindle enthusiasm for the stock. Expressing dismay, Martin Read, chief executive, said: "Our profits will be well up on last year... That is really why we are disappointed."

Brokers now expect profits of £28 million, against original forecasts of £29.5 million.

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## French set their sights on Unicorn

By CHRIS AYRES

SAINT-GOBAIN, the French industrial group, yesterday launched an £85.5 million bid for Unicorn International, the fast-growing Midlands abrasives manufacturer that floated on the stock market in December 1995.

The offer values Unicorn's shares at 225p each, a 45 per cent premium on Thursday's closing price of 155p.

The cash bid, which is being made by Dresdner Kleinwort Benson on behalf of Saint-Gobain's abrasives division, has so far been accepted by just over a third of Unicorn's shareholders. Other investors who have not yet given their support include Threadneedle Asset Management, Prudential, Aberforth and Friends Provident.

David Rimmer, chief executive of Unicorn, said: "After we came in the market we made good progress, but now we need access to global markets. We will operate as a separate business unit within Saint-Gobain, although we will have access to their resources."

Unicorn earned a pre-tax profit of £7.3 million (£6 million) last year, on sales of £102 million. Saint-Gobain said the deal would enhance its range of products.

## Campaigner for names accused

By JON ASHWORTH

CHRISTOPHER Stockwell, the controversial Lloyd's campaigner, has been accused of failing to declare £350,000 in consultancy fees arising from his role as chairman of the Lloyd's Names Association Working Party (LNAWP).

It was claimed at Oxford County Court that Mr Stockwell, 48, of Kington, near Banbury, Oxfordshire, had lied about his income since being made bankrupt in June 1994. He is to be discharged as a bankrupt next Friday.

Mr Stockwell denies the allegation, which emerged in a public examination by his trustee in bankruptcy. He is accused of declaring no more than £30,000 a year in salary from Bradgate, a property management company where he was formerly sole director.

Hilary Stonefrost, for the trustee, said: "The money you earn does not go into the estate of your creditors, but into the company effectively owned by you and your wife." Bradgate was a device created to keep "substantial" payments from the creditors.

Mr Stockwell denied the allegation: "I am paid only by Bradgate and on a monthly basis." The hearing was adjourned.

## Finance chief quits National Grid

By OLIVER AUGUST

JOHN UTTLEY, the National Grid finance director who gave back his £60,000 flotation bonus, yesterday resigned from the utility with no firm prospect of a new job.

National Grid denied that Mr Uttley's sudden departure was connected to the "fat cat" row two years ago. At the time, Mr Uttley was the only one of four executive directors who publicly gave to charity the special dividend, widely criticised as being unjustified, after a request by Tim Eggart, the then Energy Minister.

There is also believed to have been a difference of

opinion over the possible flotation of Energis, the Grid's telecoms business. Mr Uttley is thought to have opposed a float, while the rest of the board have approved the appointment of advisers.

A spokesman said: "In no way is John's departure linked to the special dividend. What happened two years ago has nothing to do with this."

The new finance director will be Stephen Box, a partner at Coopers & Lybrand, the accountancy firm that advised National Grid during the 1990 privatisation of the industry. He starts on August 4.

## BUSINESS ROUNDUP

### Airbus seeks to halt Boeing/Douglas

AIRBUS has launched a counter-offensive against the takeover of McDonnell Douglas by Boeing, its main rival in the world aviation market. Jean Pierson, the Airbus managing director, made representations to Karl van Miert, the EU Competition Commissioner, that could lead to an official EU veto of the \$13 billion deal. The European consortium, which includes British Aerospace, is opposed to the takeover because it would turn the market for large commercial aircraft into a duopoly and give Boeing 70 per cent global market share. The objections of Airbus also include the exclusive supply contracts Boeing has with several US airlines.

Mr Van Miert called Airbus and Boeing to a closed-door hearing in Brussels. He had already signalled his opposition to the takeover last month. Sources close to the EU's merger investigation noted positions had hardly changed. "They have not convinced us," an EU source said. The Commission will now prepare a draft decision for a July 4 meeting of national competition experts. The EU Commission must reach a final verdict by July 31. On July 1, the US Federal Trade Commission will announce its own ruling.

### Guinness merger twist

LVMH (Moët Hennessy Louis Vuitton) yesterday began proceedings that could damage the merger between Guinness and Grand Metropolitan. The French luxury goods group, which has a 14.2 per cent stake in Guinness and opposes the planned £24 billion merger, has asked the International Chamber of Commerce in Paris to put to an International Court of Arbitration its claim that the deal represents a change of control at Guinness. The process could take a year but Guinness denied that there would be any delay to the merger.

### EasyJet buys planes

EASYJET, the low-fare airline that left holidaymakers stranded last month because of a shortage of aircraft, is to buy £300 million worth of new jets. EasyJet has ordered 12 Boeing 737s, with six due to arrive next year and the other six in 1999. The expansion could result in the creation of 250 more jobs, doubling the current workforce. The airline currently has five 737s with a sixth arriving in November. EasyJet operates services to Nice, Amsterdam, Barcelona, Glasgow, Edinburgh, Aberdeen and Inverness.

### New UK chief at CU

COMMERCIAL UNION has appointed Cees Schraauwers, 50, to the position of managing director at the UK division from July 1. He was previously responsible for CU's UK non-life insurance businesses. In his new role, Mr Schraauwers will be responsible for all life and non-life trading and support activities in the UK. The move will also see Mr Schraauwers join the board of Commercial Union Assurance Company, the CU Group's principal trading company.

### Burndene pulls ahead

BURNDENE INVESTMENTS, the caravan, hosiery and property group, raised pre-tax profits 6.8 per cent for the 26 weeks to March 29, from £2.2 million to £2.35 million. Turnover was up 11.5 per cent, from £42.2 million to £47 million, with earnings per share up from 1.4p to 1.5p. An unchanged interim dividend of 0.75p will be paid on September 1. The company said that its holiday home division had improved profits, although exports had been hit by the strength of sterling.

### Constance stake for IWP

IWP, the manufacturer and distributor of household and personal care products, is to pay £38.5 million for an 80 per cent stake in Constance Carroll, a privately owned manufacturer of skincare products. The company also has an option to acquire the outstanding 20 per cent in the year 2000. IWP, which is based in the Republic of Ireland, reported annual pre-tax profits of £122.37 million, up from £121.6 million. Earnings were £22.68p a share (£20.55p) and the total dividend is increased to 15.34p from 14.35p, with a final 13.14p.

### Clyde Blowers expands

CLYDE BLOWERS, the Glasgow engineering group, yesterday announced the acquisition of the sootblower division of Copes-Vulcan for £12.19 million. The purchase will be financed through the issue of new shares to the vendor at 340p each, worth \$8.65 million. Debt facilities of \$5 million have been agreed with the Royal Bank of Scotland. Clyde Blowers says the purchase will allow it to achieve outright world market leadership in boiler cleaning equipment.

### Henderson pay up 12%

TOTAL boardroom pay at Henderson, the investment management group, rose 12 per cent to £3.1 million last year. Earlier this week, Henderson reported a 3 per cent rise in its pre-tax profits to £20.8 million and an unchanged dividend. Dugald Eadie, managing director, was paid £323,000 (£288,000), including an £88,000 bonus. The highest bonus of £96,000 was paid to Ian Buckley, group investment director, whose total pay rose from £296,000 to £303,000. Ben Wrey, chairman, was paid £293,000 (£289,000), with a £54,000 bonus.

### Glaxo Wellcome buy

GLAXO WELLCOME has bought a small Californian genetics research company for \$9 million and laid off all but two of the 15 staff. Spectra Biomedical had been working with Glaxo Wellcome to find the genetic basis of migraine. Glaxo Wellcome is enthusiastic about Spectra's association genetics technology, which offers a way of rapidly establishing the links between diseases and the gene defects that cause them. Stephen Peroutka, Spectra's president, and Keith Jones, its senior scientist, are to join Glaxo Wellcome.

### TOURIST RATES

	Bank Buys	Bank Sells
Australia \$	2.27	2.11
Austria Sch	20.86	19.31
Belgium F	61.41	58.77
Canada \$	2.389	2.187
Cyprus Cyp	0.882	0.815
Denmark Kr	11.32	10.50
Finland Mk	9.01	8.31
France F	9.98	9.25
Germany Dm	2.99	2.76
Greece Dr	474	427
Hong Kong \$	13.98	12.26
Iceland	127	107
Ireland P	1.19	1.05
Israel Sh	5.91	5.26
Italy Lit	2945	2723
Japan Yen	201.40	184.50
Norway Kr	0.963	0.807
Netherlands Gld	3.985	3.630
Portugal Esc	207.50	193.50
New Zealand \$	2.82	2.60
Norway Kr	12.41	11.53
Spain Ptas	250.00	232.50
Sweden Kr	13.44	12.41
Switzerland Fr	2.50	2.20
Turkey Lira	246366	227810
USA \$	1.734	1.600

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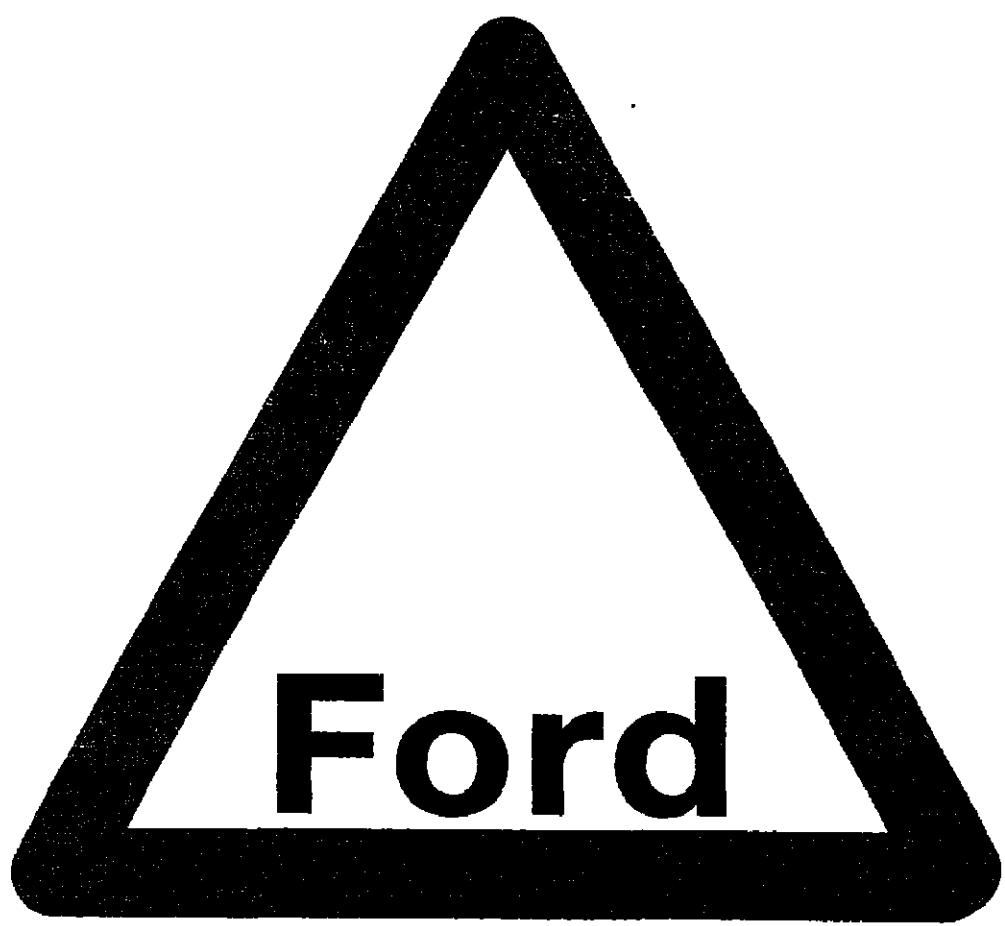
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#### THE BILL

All that was left was for Gerry Robinson and Ward Thomas to agree the final price at which Yorkshire would join Granada's empire. However, as Gary Kasparov knows, it is the endgame that can prove to be the most difficult.

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## A WORKING WEEK FOR: DAVID GOLDSTONE

## A man of property and a jack of all sports

Jon Ashworth meets a high-flyer helped  
by tennis, the gym and aircraft beds

David Goldstone makes an unlikely property tycoon. Monday might find him at his desk in central London, browsing through the weekend post. Friday could see him in Hong Kong, selling luxury apartments to high-flying Cantonese. Were it not for the chauffeur-driven Rolls-Royce, he could be just another businessman.

But he is not. Goldstone, at 68, is still active at an age when many millionaires will have cashed in and retreated to the Riviera. Regalian Properties, which he founded 30 years ago, continues to transform vast swathes of central London, including such landmarks as the M16 headquarters at Vauxhall Cross, and Peninsula Heights, where Lord Archer of Weston-super-Mare has a riverside penthouse. His stake in the company is worth about £5 million. Fashionably, he supports Labour, and has done so all his working life.

Regalian has nearly gone bust twice — once in the Seventies, and again in the early Nineties when the company plunged to a pre-tax loss of £84 million. Goldstone made his son, Lee, redundant, describing the act as "perhaps the saddest moment of my career". But these are happier times. Regalian is back in the black, and is expected to show a further improvement when the latest figures come out this month. Lee Goldstone, who left with a £300,000 payoff, rejoined Regalian in December 1995.

Money is pouring in from the Far East, where speculators are clamouring to invest in London property. The phenomenon dates to 1993 when a handful of London estate agents began making weekend trips to Singapore and Hong Kong. Advertising heavily in advance, they would turn up on Friday night, set up their wares in a hotel and promote on Saturday and Sunday. Goldstone, who spent two days in Singapore this week, recalls: "People would come in, buy their property, and then the agents would, like the Oxford Street traders, close their suitcases, and catch the plane back to London."

There is talk of London property doubling in value over ten years. Others foresee 50 per cent gains over three years. Goldstone reels off the numbers with a wry smile. "I find a certain amount of difficulty in knowing what's going to happen tomorrow," he says in his soft Welsh lilt. "We think that the next few years ought to be reasonably good for central London property."

Goldstone likes to see the action for himself, flying first class with British Airways. He avoids food and drink, and sleeps through the flight. "I'm one of those lucky guys. I probably get more sleep on a plane than at any other time in my life." He takes full advantage of BA's fold-down beds.

"I'm lucky because I'm a little guy. Some people don't find it all that comfortable."

Jet lag poses few problems. Goldstone flew in from Singapore on Wednesday morning, went home to freshen up, then spent a full day in the office. The rest of the week was filled with meetings, before a welcome drive to the Cotswolds, where the Goldstones have their country home.

Regalian's office is in a quiet road near New Bond Street, five minutes from Goldstone's home near Hyde Park. He is in the office by about 7am, and likes to go through the mail and catch up on the news, before embarking on the first of many meetings. Chairman and chief executive of Regalian, he has a wealth of outside interests, including the London School of Economics, from which he graduated in 1952 with an honours degree in law. He sits on the Council of the University of London, and is heavily involved with London First, which waves the flag for the capital.

Evenings are kept free where possible. Goldstone works out in a local gym three times a week, keeping him in shape for tennis, which is a passion. His working week runs through to lunchtime on

big tankers. You just don't change direction immediately." His strategy was to switch into commercial property, spawning projects such as Vauxhall Cross.

Goldstone works hard, but makes time for himself. He is rarely out more than one evening a week, and likes to catch up on the newspapers. He watches television occasionally, and goes to the Proms quite a bit. Regalian has a box at the Albert Hall.

Soccer has long been a passion, although Goldstone no longer attends games, and prefers to watch rugby on television. He is past chairman of Swansea City and Cardiff City, and was a selector for the Welsh national side in the late Sixties and early Seventies. "I'm interested in all sports. I dabble around with tennis. I used to play a reasonable game of squash. I enjoyed football as a kid. I played to a reasonable standard of table tennis in my time, played badminton, hockey... I'm a jack of all sports, and master of none."

Born in Swansea in 1929, he attended Dynevor Grammar School, then served in the Army from 1947 to 1949, before law school beckoned. His accent remains strong to this day. "Although I'm not aware that I speak with a Welsh accent, I listen to myself on television and it's very, very strong. It is literally now 50 years since I left school, went into the Army, and stopped living in Wales. I don't know what conclusions one should draw, if any, but Michael Heseltine comes from Swansea, and Michael Howard comes from Llanelli, which is just outside Swansea."

Goldstone laughs when I suggest that the politicians have been taking elocution lessons. "Maybe they say that I've gone to elocution lessons to retain my Welsh accent." He remembers the young Heseltine playing tennis during summer holidays in Swansea, but has never actually taken him on.

With property booming again, Regalian is busier than ever. It recently purchased the Marble Arch Tower at the foot of Edgware Road, and intends to smarten it up, upgrading the shops and creating offices for visiting businessmen. Regalian has a share in a site in Paddington, earmarked for shops, offices and homes.

Goldstone has every intention of carrying on well into his seventies — as is common in the Far East, where age is venerated. "I enjoy my work, and, for me, every day is an adventure. I'm not conscious of my 68th years." Regalian is a public company, but it remains Goldstone's creation. "It's been my baby, yes," he says, anxious not to offend Regalian's shareholders. "I would like to carry on for as long as I'm physically and mentally able."

With tennis, the gym and BA's flying beds, that could be a long, long time.

He made his son redundant, describing the act as perhaps the saddest of his career?

Friday, when the Rolls is waiting for the run to the Cotswolds. The Goldstones spend most weekends in the country, though less so in the winter. "It's very relaxing, playing tennis, with people talking, eating, drinking. It's a very nice way of getting away." Work is not forgotten entirely. "The weekend is very much the selling period of property, so I do have contact with all the sites on a Sunday."

It all nearly went horribly wrong with Kensington Palace Gardens, a luxury development opposite Kensington Palace. Regalian bought the site in 1987 for £20 million, spending about £30 million in all, and set about flogging £14 million penthouses in the depths of recession. There were no takers. The units went in the end, but the project was not a financial success.

Regalian was heavily exposed during the recession — the company was a prime developer in London's Docklands — but Goldstone says there is little choice in such matters. "In August 1988, with the double mortgage blip, the market effectively ceased to exist for residential property. But we had sites which were on the ground, under construction. It's like one of those

A head for  
scalps

KAREN Morgan Thomas, the former James Capel high-flyer caught up in that nasty business concerning Lord Archer of Weston-super-Mare and some Anglia TV shares, has a new job. I hear, Morgan Thomas, who faced an unpleasant grilling at the hands of DTI inspectors — no action was taken — has turned to the business of hunting scalps. She has signed up with Heidrick & Struggles, the executive search firm. Her many Westminster and City contacts should stand her in good stead.

A DARK rumour swept the market yesterday that the massive computer system at Barclays had crashed. There are viruses floating around designed to cause problems on any Friday 13. Debugging Barclays would have been a nightmare. In fact the bank's Wythenshawe computer centre near Manchester became overloaded and crashed for eight hours. Glad to put the record straight.

## Party ties

ROBERT Louis-Dreyfus, former chief executive of Saatchi & Saatchi, is 50 this weekend, the old smoothie, and is throwing a huge party for friends — in St Petersburg. Two names will not be on the guest list, I fear. They are Charles and



Maurice, whose involvement with Louis-Dreyfus at Adidas ended in legal tiffs.

## Rank clash

RANK Organisation chief executive Andrew Teare yesterday put out a dreadful trading statement. Simultaneously English China Clays, a com-



"Least his money won't be leaving the country"

pany where Andrew Teare was chief executive and which has spent much time putting right some of his mistakes, put out a cheery statement. Even spookier, this is the second time since his departure that news from English China Clays has thus coincided with news from Rank going in the opposite direction. You don't think they are trying to make a point, do you?

HOW interesting that Neil Cooper of accountants Robson Rhodes is joining Buchler Phillips. Was it not Cooper who was praised by the House of Commons Social Security Select Committee over its work on the liquidation of the Maxwell group pension schemes? And was Peter Phillips, founder of Buchler Phillips, not carpeted by the committee over its Maxwell work? They should have lots to reminisce about.

## Crunch time

ONE fund manager who should have little problem getting onto the shortlist for beauty parades is Nicola Horlick, who starts her new job at Société Générale on Monday. Those potential clients who have not yet met her must surely be curious to do so. Working as head of a new team, Horlick at last has a chance to prove what she has been telling us all along, that she is a brilliant fund manager. It will be interesting to chart her progress.

MARTIN WALLER



While others have cashed in and retreated to the Riviera, David Goldstone can frequently be found travelling to the Far East to make a sale

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## Battle for £60bn surplus rages on

Government under pressure to take action over company pensions, says Sara McConnell

Angry pensioners this week joined union leaders and an eminent pensions judge in demands for government action to establish once and for all who owns the estimated £60 billion of surplus funds in Britain's company pension schemes.

Successive governments have failed to tackle the issue, in spite of growing numbers of high-profile challenges to employers over use of surpluses built up in schemes during the boom years of the 1980s.

National Grid, National Power, National Bus, National Freight Corporation and Unilever are just some of the industrial giants locked in battle with their employees over surpluses. The rash of privatisations in the early 1990s has left utility companies awash with up to £3 billion of surplus cash in their pension schemes.

Pensioners and employees argue that surpluses should belong to them because the funds are set up for their benefit. But employers say they contribute on employees' behalf and guarantee pension payments.

Surpluses, which often run into millions of pounds, are distributed primarily according to the rules of the pension scheme, normally drawn up by employers. In many cases, employers have quite legitimately taken surplus pension money and used it to pay redundancy or other bills.

Actuaries gave warning that there is potentially nothing to stop utilities using pension funds to offset the costs of the threatened wind-

fall tax, as long as their schemes allow them to do so.

The collective call for action comes as employers and employees prepare to clash in the Court of Appeal over the ownership of nearly £350 million of surpluses in National Grid and National Power. Both companies had used part of their surplus to pay redundancy bills after they were privatised in 1990.

Pensioners of both companies successfully challenged their former employers, only to see the companies win backing for their use of surpluses in the High Court this week. Pensions lawyers said the decision would give a "green light" to employers to extract surpluses more easily in future.

But Mr Justice Walker immediately gave the pensioners leave to appeal and said it is a "matter of real concern" that a decision on who owned surpluses should "depend, as it often seems to depend, on subtle and complex arguments about the meaning of scheme documents". He made clear that he was legally powerless to override decisions made by trustees and employers in accordance with the terms of

their pension scheme, but he urged a debate on the need for "more drastic legislative intervention".

Unions echoed his call for reform. Bill Day, national pensions officer of the GMB union said: "We would go further. It is entirely inappropriate that employers can unilaterally appropriate pension scheme surpluses. Legislation is long overdue to ensure that pensioners and scheme members have proper rights when surpluses are allocated."

Pensioners also attacked the existing system. Dennis Cockerill, chairman of the Committee of Unilever Pensioners (Coup), will be writing to Harriet Harman to urge her to review the 1995 Pensions Act and to demand clarification on the ownership of surpluses.

Unilever pensioners are demanding a larger share of an £800 million surplus, which is being used mainly to give the company and its current employees a contributions holiday and to build up a reserve against bad times.

The new Pensions Act has strengthened the hand of employees, in that trustees

can now override the scheme rules if they believe an employer's proposals for using surplus funds will threaten the scheme's solvency.

Trustees must agree before employers take cash out of the scheme. But the Act stopped short of specifying rules on distributions of surpluses, fearing that employers would reduce contributions or stop providing pension schemes based on final salary if they could not use surpluses as they chose.

The new Act also only covers actions by employers after April 6 this year. Many of the most high-profile battles over surpluses have been running for several years and will not come under the Act. They will have to rely on the protection of the courts to interpret scheme rules.

This week's High Court ruling on National Grid and National Power will be a blow to such employees, pensions experts believe. Mark Atkinson of Cameron McKenna, the solicitors, said: "The judge has given a lot of control to the employer. As long as he acts in good faith he can use surpluses even if there is a conflict with the wishes of scheme members."

Angela Dimsdale Gill, a partner at Lovell White Durrant, which was acting for National Power pensioners, said: "This is a case where the employer's right unilaterally to decide to use surplus for his own benefit has been upheld." The judgment reverses the normal position which enables employers to take money from the fund only if the scheme specifically allows it, she added.

WEEKEND MONEY is edited by Anne Ashworth

House prices in the UK are set to rise by up to 10 per cent this year, fuelled by real growth in income, better employment prospects, increasing consumer confidence and building society windfalls.

In London, which has already led the boom, the price of a home is expected to end the year 15 per cent higher. By December, a £300,000 family house will have risen £45,000.

According to Ciaran Barr, UK economist with Morgan Grenfell, the leap in prices, particularly in the capital, is partly because of a lack of supply. He said: "As more properties come on the market next year, prices should stabilise. Although other parts of the country will start to

## London houses set for 15% rise by end of the year

catch up, London will continue to outperform the North this year and next."

Morgan Grenfell's predictions come as the Land Registry, a government department, this week reported that prices had risen by more than 8 per cent nationally over the past year, and had doubled in some parts of London.

One of the beneficiaries of the buoyant housing market

will be the Blair family, who have put their home in Islington, North London, on the market for £615,000. They bought the five-bedroom property five years ago for £375,000. Islington is one of the areas currently most sought after by buyers.

A similar £600,000 sum will buy a five-bedroom flat with a river view in the east of London. It will buy you a

three-bedroom flat in Knightsbridge, a small castle with ten bedrooms in Scotland, or a whole terrace of houses in the North of England. In Mr Blair's Sedgefield, Durham, constituency you could buy a five-bedroom family house with garden for £86,000.

Weekend country cottages, a 1980s fashion which died in the recession, are making a comeback. Increasing numbers of buyers in the South East are seeking property in the Cotswolds, Oxfordshire and Shropshire. These house-hunters have few concerns about interest rate rises, because they have large deposits.

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## Pop goes Hanson reputation

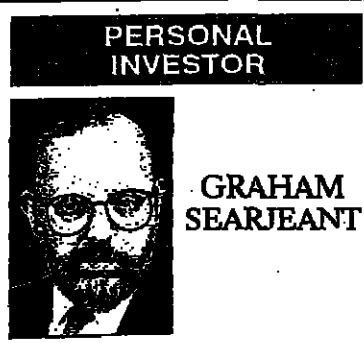
How are the mighty fallen. For years Hanson featured among the ten most valuable companies quoted on the Stock Exchange. Its shares became more widely held than almost any non-privatised company. This week the revamped Hanson narrowly escaped being relegated from the FTSE 100 index, along with its offshoot Imperial Tobacco. They missed the cut but were reprieved until the autumn.

For investors, size is not important. Even so, falling out of the index is bad news. An increasing number of funds match the index and would sell their stock. Many international funds restrict their holdings to top companies in any one country. And these cuts in demand for a company's shares are reinforced by the feeling that it is on the way down.

This is not necessarily true of the former Hanson companies. Lord Hanson's retirement plan was to split his ragbag empire into four quoted companies that would either be reinvigorated or clearly labelled for takeover.

One of these plans came to fruition yesterday, when PacificCorp, a worryingly ambitious American power company, mounted a £3.6 million agreed takeover for the once Hanson-owned Energy Group. This corporate oddity seemed designed to be eaten by a US utility, pairing the US Peabody coal mines with Britain's Eastern Electric.

Eastern might have had a more exciting future on its own as a British utility expanding vertically into power stations and horizontally into gas and telecoms. As it is, those of us who kept shares in Energy Group will gain.



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but not as much as optimistic analysts projected when Lord Hanson sprung his demerger plan 18 months ago.

The exercise has been a disappointment. Rather than creating value, the component parts appear to be worth about 19 per cent less than old Hanson shares were at the time of the announcement. Over the period, the FTSE index has risen by 29 per cent.

Hanson was a well-conceived conglomerate that added value to businesses likely to have a lowly rating on their own. Dealing profits, accounting wheezes and tax-saving schemes played their part. These advantages faded and sentiment had turned before the demerger. With Lord White's death and Lord Hanson's retirement, it was Verona without the two gentlemen.

For the same reason, the rump or "new" Hanson has signally failed to follow its pop namesake to the top of the hit parade. The City equivalent of MMBop is valued as a building

materials group with a credibility problem, not as a fashionable high-flyer. Reputations cannot be inherited.

Apart from enriching the middlemen, the demerger looks irrelevant. Faced with like problems, a new board at BTR tackled them differently. It is sorting out the rambling group internally to give it a new identity and has cut the dividend explicitly rather than by stealth. The returns have so far have been even worse. BTR shares have dropped 40 per cent in 18 months.

Financial engineering can help long-term strategic change, as at Reed International, but is irrelevant to the momentum that lifts up vibrant groups and drags down tired ones. Gerry Robinson, buoyant chairman of Granada, is right to reject, for the time being, self-serving City suggestions that he should split the fast-growing group into television and hotel and services bits.

Leisure and media are good businesses to be in if you have the skill and means needed to take advantage of growth opportunities. But the momentum buying Granada upwards is the deal-making skill of Mr Robinson and his team, satisfied this week by a takeover bid for Yorkshire-Tyne Tees. Just as the downside at new Hanson is pounced on, so Granada is given the benefit of the doubt. Comment focuses, for instance, on gains from selling Forte hotels rather than provisions made against other assets. It will not always be so. Investors will know that momentum has run out when Mr Robinson presses that demerger button.

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Caroline Merrell says pressure is growing for another big windfall

# Rush to Nationwide on conversion hopes

Cracks are beginning to appear in Nationwide Building Society's commitment to mutualism. This week, the society, now the UK's biggest, with £40 billion assets, said it took seriously the threat from five members who are attempting to get on to its board. If elected, the rebels, led by Michael Harden, a butler, will press the board to convert Nationwide or allow a takeover.

The society, advised by Goldman Sachs, has valued itself at about £7 billion. This would result in a windfall of nearly £2,000 per member. The news is likely to spur the opening of new accounts at the society, where minimum investment remains £500. Its investment post-1997 pays 6.4 per cent on £500 or more. Brian Davis, chief executive, said: "If an approach was made, we would have to consider it." Potential bidders could include NatWest, Abbey National, BAT or Halifax.

The Nationwide is putting up its own five candidates for election. Ballot papers for the society's three and a half million members will be arriving in the next few days. The board is launching a staunch defence by emphasising its high savings rates and low mortgage rate. Its "mutual package" cost it nearly £300 million last year, but in terms of attracting new customers it seems to be paying dividends. Nationwide took in nearly £700 million of new money last month - £50 million



Surprise windfalls: Daniel Lucas, left, and Philip Anderson

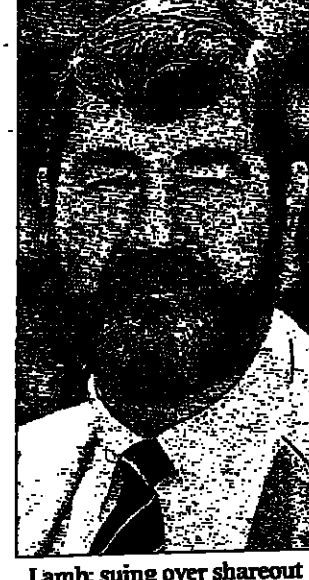
from Alliance & Leicester, which floated in April. If the Nationwide is taken over or forced to convert, pressure will mount on remaining mutuals. As Mr Davis said: "If the vote is substantially in favour, then we will have to consider our position."

Among Halifax shareholders awaiting developments is Philip Anderson, who received the basic 200 shares. He said: "I had forgotten I was a member - I just paid a direct debit into a Save-As-You-Earn scheme, and it was only when the share form came that I realised I was in for a windfall." A 200-share payout also came as a surprise to Daniel Lucas, an office colleague. At 19, he has become a

shareholder for the first time. He also has 200 shares.

Meanwhile, Anthony Lamb, an Isle of White reader, is suing the Halifax, claiming that his local branch failed to inform him that he should have topped up his account to the vital £100 level by December 31, 1997.

Mr Lamb, a retired police inspector, said the branch emphasised the importance of replenishing its account by February 1997 but made no mention of the earlier deadline. He believes Halifax is guilty of breach of contract. His view is that all deadlines were made clear in mailings to customers. It is reluctant to comment on talks between branches and customers.



Lamb: suing over shareout

## PRICE CHECK

ALLIANCE and Leicester shares closed at 61.5p, down 8.5p from their peak on Tuesday. However, since flotation day on April 21, they have risen more than 70p from their initial 54.25p price. Halifax shares fell to 75.4p, now more than 20p lower than the 76.5p obtained by those who sold on the morning of June 1, their first day of stock market trading.

## Not enough shares to go round

Norwich Union offer likely to be oversubscribed says Marianne Curphey

Norwich Union members who applied for extra shares in the insurer's imminent £5.6 billion flotation will learn tomorrow whether their allocation is, as expected, going to be pared down.

The offer for shares is believed to be more than six times oversubscribed, and Norwich Union has already increased its quota of shares to members by 50 per cent, at the expense of institutional investors and non-members.

Further details of the allocation to members will appear in newspapers on Monday morning.

Norwich Union has said it will give a general idea tomorrow of whether the offer was oversubscribed, although individual members have to

wait until next Friday or Saturday to discover exactly how far their application has been reduced.

The extra shares available to members has been achieved by clawing back £400 million worth of stock originally earmarked for institutions and non-members.

When the retail offer closed on Tuesday, investors queued outside the offices of Lloyds Registrars in Southwark, London, to make last-minute applications. However, some institutions

are unhappy with yesterday's announcement that the members' offer had been increased from £800 million worth of shares to £1.2 billion.

The public offer, which comprises the institutional offer, the retail offer and the employees offer, will now be in the range of £1.1 billion to £1.2 billion.

The price of the public offer is expected to be in the range of 240p to 290p per share. The members' offer price will be at a 25p per

share discount to the public offer price and Norwich Union said it is expected to be in the range of 215p to 265p.

Norwich Union will be sending out share certificates, plus a cheque refunding applicants for the balance if they did not get all the shares they had hoped for.

Those members who opted just for the windfall shares and no extra allocation should have already received their certificates. Norwich Union began sending these out yesterday, although it acknowledges that some members may have to wait until Monday for them to arrive.

Many members applied for the extra allocation because of the 25p discount being offered by Norwich Union. However, the delay, which Norwich Union says is unavoidable, means that if the price of the shares falls in the first five days of trading, members may lose the benefit of the discount.

Brokers predict that although the institutional investors, like the pension funds, are very interested in owning Norwich Union shares in their portfolios, the stock is likely to be highly volatile initially.

This is because a large number of investors are planning to "stag" the issue - ie, sell quickly to make a profit. This could leave more sellers in the market than buyers, driving down the price.

However, Norwich Union is tipped as a takeover target, with some analysts suggesting that AMP, the Australian mutual insurer, might make an early raid on the shares. But most analysts agree that for the ordinary investor taking a long-term view, the shares are a good buy.

Norwich Union has announced a range of share dealing services to enable members to buy and sell from Monday. NatWest Bank, Barclays Stockbrokers, Cazenove and Davy Stockbrokers will deal on an execution-only basis.

Those shareholders who have elected to receive a share certificate can use either these services or make their own arrangements through stockbrokers or other share dealing facilities. Members whose shares are held in the Norwich Union Share-Account will be able to deal only through these providers.

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Rumours are  
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# Brown to take us into the unknown



Disappearing act? Paul Daniels has said he may go abroad

The contents of Gordon Brown's first Budget on July 2 becomes daily the subject of greater speculation. Observers are loath to dismiss any rumour because so little is yet known of Mr Brown's policies.

Copers & Lybrand, the accountancy firm, has now issued its racing card of Budget odds, placing bets on the intentions of this unknown Chancellor. The windfall tax on utilities, reduction of VAT on domestic fuel and the abolition of tax relief on private medical insurance for the over-60s are seen as dead certainties at odds of 1-5.

The abolition of mortgage interest tax relief, the restriction of capital gains and inheritance tax reliefs and a reduction in advanced corporation tax, the dividend tax credit, are seen as a 2-1 shot. At 3-1, meanwhile, are higher petrol duties and the introduction of the individual savings account (ISA). A 10 per cent or 15 per cent starting rate for income tax and the abolition of higher-rate pension tax relief are 4-1.

Here we list the measures that accountants and others suggest could form part of the Brown Budget.

**Pensions:** There is speculation that Mr Brown may abolish higher-rate relief on pension contributions. But the reform might not take immediate effect. John Whiting of Price Waterhouse believes that the difficulty in managing the change means that Mr Brown could delay any reform until April 1998.

Some cast doubt on whether the measure would be workable. According to Steve Midwinter, of Deloitte & Touche, higher-rate relief could easily be removed from pension holders. But it would be administratively more difficult for final-salary pension schemes, where employer's contributions are not made on behalf of any particular individual. As it is difficult to calculate how much is paid in on behalf of each employee, it would be tricky to work out how much tax relief should be withdrawn.

**Housing:** Mr Brown may be contemplating an increase in the rate of stamp duty on property purchases, according to Maurice Fitzpatrick of Chantrey Vellacott. The tax is charged at the rate of 1 per cent on properties of more than £60,000. He could double this rate.

For those who buy a house for only a little more than £60,000 he could introduce an interim rate on purchases between £60,000 and £100,000. Mr Whiting thinks stamp duty on shares is here to stay because it raises useful revenue. Indeed some tightening of the rules is possible.

**Savings:** There is growing conviction that Mr Brown will use his first Budget to unveil proposals for the individual savings account (ISA) outlined in the Labour manifesto. The ISA is a potential successor to the personal equity plan (PEP) and tax

exempt special savings account (Tessa).

David Major, of Deloitte & Touche, suggests what form the new long-term savings incentive could take.

Mr Major proposes that ISA investors would contribute to a fund holding a wide variety of investments, including cash, shares, gilts, corporate bonds and property. They would not enjoy tax relief on their contributions, but the fund would be free of income and capital gains tax.

There would be either a lifetime or an annual limit on contributions. Mr Major envisages that since ISAs have many of the same features as PEPs and Tessas, they would easily replace these schemes. They would also supplant the Enterprise Investment Scheme (EIS), which gives tax 20 per cent tax relief on a maximum £100,000 investment in unquoted companies.

The Building Societies Association would like to see the Chancellor re-evaluate the way that investments are taxed. The organisation recommends the introduction of a new personal allowance which could be set against any income.

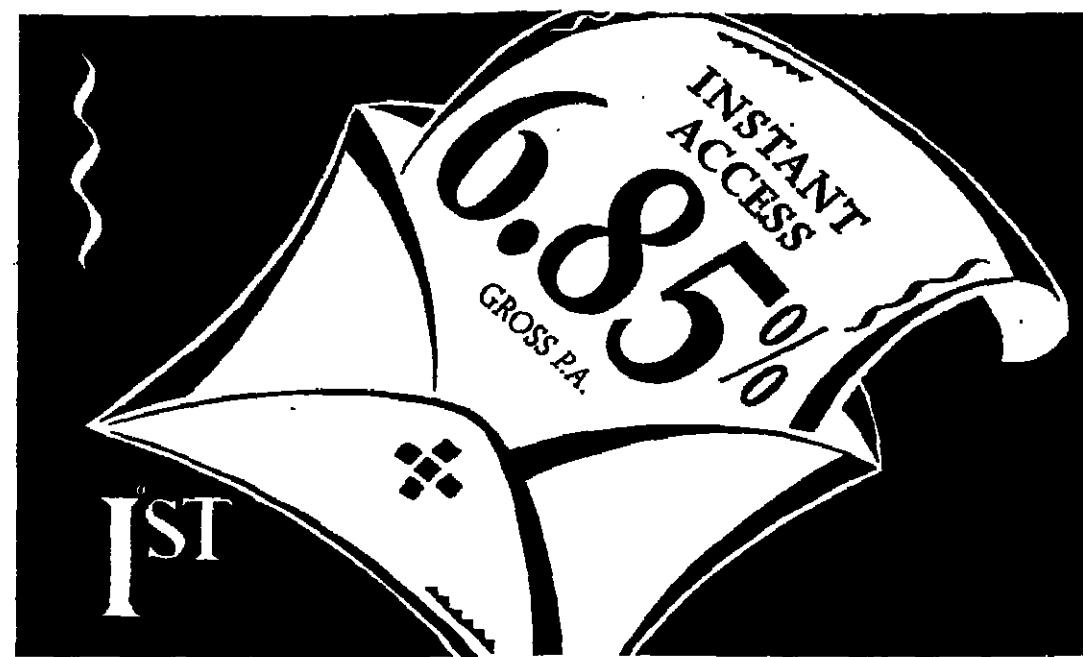
At present, the tax treatment of income generated by equities is different from the tax treatment of income generated by deposits. For example, investors can put up to £9,000 into personal equity plans every year and receive the gains tax free, but only £9,000 can be put into a deposit-based Tessa over the product's lifetime. The BSA says this has led to "an unnecessary and unfair distortion of the savings market".

**Income tax:** Although Mr Brown has pledged not to raise tax rates, there is now general acceptance that he will find other ways to tax individuals more heavily. The economics team at ABN Amro Hoare Govett, the stockbroker, expect these changes to be targeted at high earners, with Labour anxious to continue to foster trust among ordinary taxpayers.

The prospect of higher taxes this week caused Paul Daniels, the magician, to repeat his warning that he would leave Britain.

But, according to several accountants, Mr Brown could execute a conjuring trick that would remove the fear of high taxes for the handsomely paid by making it less easy for them to earn large amounts in the first place.

At present, companies can set salaries against their corporation tax bills. The Chancellor could bar businesses from deducting salaries of more than, say, £250,000-plus from their corporation tax liability.



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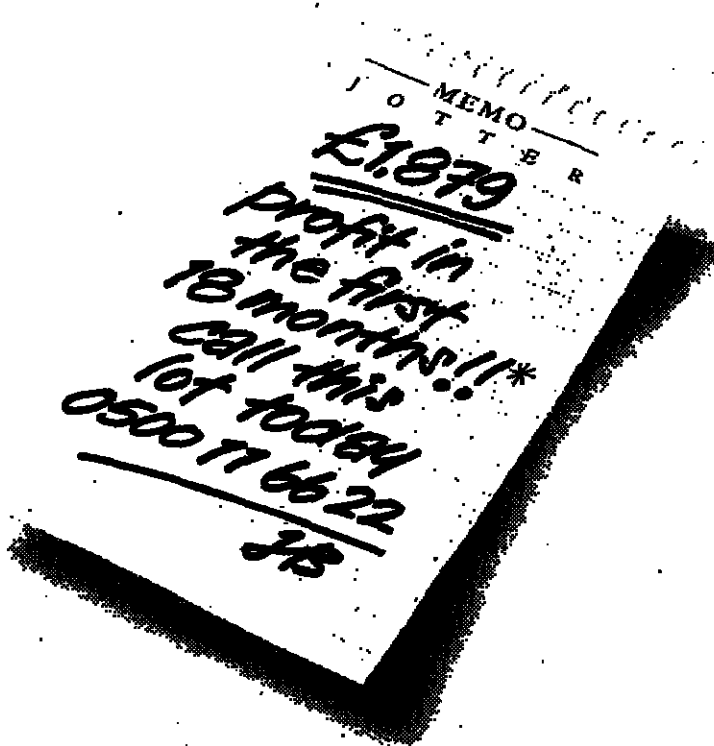
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Caroline Merrell concludes her two-part article on EMU's costs and effects

# The euro rolls on regardless

The political drive for economic and monetary union lost a lot of momentum this week. The Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development predicted that Germany, France and Italy would all fail to meet the Maastricht criteria.

However, behind the scenes, preparations are still going ahead for the replacement of each of the European currencies with the euro.

At the moment, there are 12.5 billion banknotes circulating in the European Union, with another 8.5 billion held in store. Every year, six million new notes are printed for the 15 European Union central banks. Fifteen printing works scattered around Europe have the task of printing the new notes. The job of producing the paper for currency has been carried out by nine paper mills throughout the Continent.

The countries involved in preparing for the arrival of the euro put a 2002 deadline on the introduction of the new notes, and as it takes at least five years to design and originate a new note, preparations are well under way. The size, colour and denomination of each note has already been decided, as has the basic design. The words on the euro have been kept to a minimum, bearing in mind Europe's mixed cultural influences.

The different printing works will continue to print the new notes, although steps must be taken to ensure that the notes from the various places are identical. They will have to invest in new machinery, and the new raw materials will have to be bought.

The details of how the old European notes can be swapped for the new notes have yet to be hammered out. In principle, notes will be exchanged at fixed conversion rates. The European banks are currently trying to come up with a system of allowing an exchange of notes that will be free for customers.

Platemaking for the new notes should begin next year, with full-scale production scheduled for 1999. The costs

of producing the new notes has yet to be apportioned to the different countries.

Joining the single currency will also have other significant costs for all companies, including the life insurance and investment companies. This latter group of companies have no choice but to pass the costs on to customers and shareholders. The Association of British Insurers believes that the cost of insurers joining the single currency will reach at least a £1 billion for the entire industry. The main elements of these costs are information technology, staff training and reprinting documentation. There will be a cost to life insurance companies of staying out of EMU — about a fifth of the costs of joining, according to the ABI.

The single currency will also bring with it eventual changes to the way billions of pounds is managed in pensions and in investment policies. At the

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moment, 40 per cent of the equities managed by UK insurance companies are the shares of the UK companies.

Jannette Weir, a researcher at the ABI who has been examining the effects of the single currency, said: "If you look at the market capitalisation of European companies, then only about 16 per cent of portfolios should be invested in the UK."

Ms Weir believes that if economic and monetary union does go ahead, then the pension and insurance companies would readjust their portfolios eventually. She also pointed out that the UK insurance companies had a high proportion of UK fixed-interest securities like gilts and corporate

bonds. She said: "About 15 per cent of insurance company investments are in UK fixed-interest securities, with only 2 per cent in Europe." She believes that these proportions would eventually be reversed if the single currency goes ahead.

The ABI's overall conclusion about EMU is that the benefit to the insurance companies will be slightly on the positive side, but the association does not believe that staying out would prove too detrimental.

At one time, it was thought that the UK taxpayer could end up subsidising the pensions of other European countries. However, under a stability pact, introduced to ensure that each of the countries continued to fulfil certain economic criteria after the introduction of a single currency, this will no longer be the case. There will be no transfer of funds between countries. Each of the participating countries will have to ensure that their economies stay within certain economic limits. If they do not, they will be fined.

One company that could be taking heart from the European crisis is Thomas Cook, the travel operator. One third of its revenue is generated from foreign exchange transactions. Forty per cent of its turnover in foreign exchange comes through changing sterling into European currencies.

Andrew Windsor, Thomas Cook's director of retail operations, said: "It is our view that foreign exchange will become less attractive. The size of the foreign exchange market will shrink, margins will become low but we believe there is still some mileage in foreign exchange bureaux though there will be slightly fewer locations. However, more people will travel outside the EC area to exotic long-haul destinations in the future."

Thomas Cook has 385 travel shops, and 200 stand-alone foreign exchange bureaux at airports. The high street travel shops generate turnover of £300 million.



Last week, the euro explained, and right, it will have a big impact on foreign exchange dealers

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## Mixed blessing under EMU's wing

Caroline Merrell explains the implications for UK investors of the single currency in 1999

The events in Germany and France this week mean economic and monetary union (EMU) has become even more like the unfortunate flightless Australian bird that shares its name. The election of the socialist Lionel Jospin as the French Prime Minister, who is less likely than his predecessor to meet the Maastricht criteria in time for the introduction of the single currency in early 1999, has led to scepticism about EMU and has already delayed the privatisation programme that would have helped the Government to reduce its debts to satisfy the Maastricht criteria. Equally, in Germany, in spite of Chancellor Helmut Kohl's endeavours, the Bundestag is reluctant to allow



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# Analysts anxious at outcome in Amsterdam

Nathan Yates says prolonged  
turbulence over EMU could  
prove disastrous for markets

MILLIONS of investors will be watching with anxiety next week as European governments wrangle over the future of economic and monetary union (EMU) at the Amsterdam summit. Analysts say that the outcome will have radical effects on stock markets and trusts all over Europe, and an unfavourable result could prove disastrous.

This week political tension mounted over the future of EMU as Europe's politicians scrambled for an agreement. If this turbulent period is prolonged, or if there are other adverse outcomes from the Amsterdam summit, managers of European funds fear difficult times lie ahead.

Instability over the future of EMU has already hit specialist European funds hard. Performance figures by Micropal show that some of these have fallen by nearly 4 per cent in just the last two weeks, after the Socialist win in the French election and the doubts over Germany's ability to squeeze its spending levels within the EMU qualifying criteria. In the same period the FT Eurotrack index has oscillated wildly, from a high of 2,406.56 to a low of 2,294.96.

Fund managers fear that if the right choices are not made in Amsterdam, this poor showing could be dwarfed by a much greater downturn. "I am very worried about Amsterdam and just about everybody with interests in Europe will be," said Daniele Serraya of Schroder. "In the worst scenario the summit could cause a very bad market, and Europe would not be the place to have any money."

The crux of the Amsterdam meeting will be negotiations on the "stability pact" which will determine the targets countries will have to meet if they are to qualify for inclusion in EMU in 1999. This pact was originally thought to be a

rubber stamping of a "narrow" EMU based on the German and French economies. Strict limits on interest rates, borrowing and other economic measures would have to be met before other countries would be permitted to join.

But the French election victory for the Socialists means narrow EMU in 1999 is looking increasingly unlikely. The new regime is pledged to create 700,000 jobs through public spending which would disqualify it from this type of EMU, and this week it said it needed more time to consider the stability pact proposals.

Chancellor Kohl is still determined to push through strict criteria, and a clash between the French and Germans could occur. The German Government is itself battling with unemployment costs which could take its budget deficit beyond the 3 per cent of GNP which the stability pact stipulates.

If the narrow EMU cannot be salvaged, from the investor's point of view the alternatives are fraught with pitfalls. European leaders could decide to press ahead with the 1999 start date, and relax the economic criteria that must be



Bridge building: but will the Amsterdam summit mean the beginning of the end for EMU?



met by participating countries. Or EMU could be delayed, raising speculation that it may founder.

In both cases, the repercussions could be severe. If EMU is delayed, the mark would no longer be seen to be weak by aligning with other currencies.

Traders would buy marks, and the with a stronger mark German exports would become more expensive," said George Magnus, chief economist at UBS. "This could flatten the recovery in Germany." Weaker currencies like the lira or peseta would plummet. Some analysts believe that the resulting export boost would benefit stock markets, but others fear weaker economies would be tipped into a downward spiral. "The markets have assumed that EMU will go ahead on time, and if there is a delay Spanish, Italian and emerging economies could be hit," said Roger Guy of Gartmore. "A delay would also

reduce the incentive for European companies to improve efficiency, because they would still be able to exploit distortions of currency values."

If the EMU qualifying criteria are relaxed, many economists believe less restrictive budgeting would release a consumer boom, and a weaker euro would also be a boost for exporters. However, this could prove a mixed blessing. "The worst outcome of Amsterdam in the longer term would be a loose interpretation of the criteria," said Talal Shakerchi of Old Mutual. "Admitting countries which are not converging could create huge irregularities. For example, if Italy was not able to compete by devaluing, there could soon be a huge recession there. Also, if interest rates were set for the entire EU, they could be far too high for Germany, and its market would suffer."

Fund managers fear a compromise will be difficult to achieve but most think it is too early for investors to panic. "The EMU problems are temporary, and we are holding to our view that the long term outlook for European markets is positive," said Frances Dean of Morgan Grenfell.

## Spain rapped on timeshares



Dolores Robinson: investment lost

Anyone contemplating using their building society windfall to purchase a timeshare this week might not be making the wisest of investments, according to Nigel Griffiths, Consumers Affairs Minister. Mr Griffiths gave warning that timeshare tourists were on the prowl in European resorts and that Spain was ignoring the European Union Timeshare Directive, which guarantees buyers a prospectus in their own language and a ten-day cooling-off period. Mr Griffiths said that he would be raising the issue with his Spanish counterpart.

For many timeshare buyers, the problems first arise when they attempt to sell their share. Faced with rising annual maintenance charges, some relinquish their rights and are left with nothing. According to Diana Hanks, consumer services manager at the Timeshare Council, the industry's watchdog: "When trying to sell, owners would be unwise to rely on realising the original purchase price, especially if the weeks owned are not in high season."

Edward and Dolores Robinson, both in their late seventies, bought a studio at the Clube Praia da Oura (CPO), near Albufeira, Portugal, in 1983. "To start with we enjoyed our holidays," Mrs Robinson said. The couple paid £4,480 for occupancy rights for four weeks from mid-April to mid-May until the year 2011.

The annual maintenance charge was £140. By 1994 Mrs Robinson was suffering from angina so they decided to sell, paying a £50 fee to put the studio on the resale register run by Petchey (Management and Finance) Limited, CPO's management company, which is based in Ilford, Essex.

By January last year the studio was still unsold and the maintenance charge had mounted to £621 a year. Facing a court summons and unable to find the money, they relinquished their rights. A number of Club Praia de Oura members have now formed an association to gain a say in management matters.

Ron Mills of Petchey said that the company had not taken any owner to court for failure to pay maintenance charges. He said Petchey's resale register had about a 20 per cent success rate. "This is a substantially higher sales rate than the resale companies achieve and is the reason we started the resale register, as a service to our owners," he added.

A list of approved timeshare resale agencies can be obtained from the Timeshare Council. Tel: 0171-621 8845. The Department of Trade and Industry is also issuing a booklet on timeshares. It can be obtained by calling 0171-510 0174 and quoting reference URN/97/643.

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Jason Nissé charts the ups and downs of Singer & Friedlander's football fund

## Crowd pleaser or own goal?

Alan Hansen's face has become a familiar sight, not only for viewers of BBC's *Match of the Day*, where the former Liverpool captain's good looks and intelligent comments have given him cult status, but also on the finance pages. His image has been used for the advertising of Singer & Friedlander's football fund, one of the most overhyped and disappointing launches since Mercury Asset Management and Kleinwort Benson ventured into the uncertain world of European privatisations.

The football fund, launched in January, raised £35 million from investors who were attracted by the glamour of the burgeoning football sector, which had seen the value of leading clubs climb as much as 500 per cent during 1996.

Hansen signed on a lucrative contract (rumoured to be £100,000 a year) to give football advice, essentially saying who will win the FA Cup, Premiership or whether Stan Collymore was really worth £7 million. Essentially, he is there to market the

fund but gives no investment advice. Hansen is also involved in Soccer Investments, another footballing enterprise, a shell company that he has floated on AIM, along with Mike Edelson, the man who reversed Conrad into Sheffield United, and Sir Rodney Walker, of Sports Council fame. They are planning to take over a football club, so bringing the number of listed clubs into the late teens.

Singer could not have chosen a worse time to launch its fund, which came at the peak of the football market. The Nomura index, which tracks the value of the leading clubs including those which are not actually listed on the stock market or AIM — such as Arsenal, Liverpool and Everton — has fallen by more than a third since early February.

The flotations of Aston Villa and Newcastle United suffered as the excitement ebbed in the market. Both stand well below their issue price and there are quite a few investors who paid twice Aston Villa's current market price for their shares. Singer,

though, missed most of the problems. It defined the football sector widely, saying it would put money into football-related companies like Hay & Robinson, which makes the Ruud Gullit range of clothing, and BSKyB, which carries live football. It has also kept itself fairly liquid, holding about 30 per cent of its assets in cash. All the same, the fund's net asset value is down 5.6 per cent since launch and, with early withdrawals, there is now just £30 million in Singer's pot.

The question is, will the market turn? The decline of the sector has shown little signs of decreasing, but there is good reason to suggest it is close to its floor. First, the real excitement was generated by two factors: last summer's Euro 96 tournament and the prospect of pay-per-view TV, which is expected to increase clubs' revenues from televised games.

The World Cup takes place in France next summer, and the excitement generated by the tournament is sure to build throughout this year,

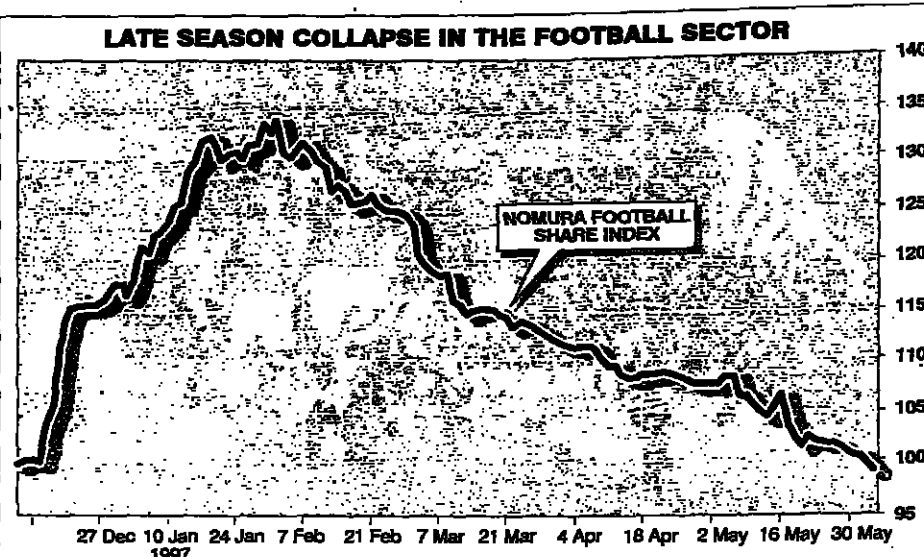
taking football club share prices with it. On pay-per-view, BSKyB, which is 40 per cent owned by News International, owner of *The Times*, is bound to test it on a live match soon. Once there is a successful test, the pay-per-view hype will resume.

Also it is clear that the market has some clubs valued wrongly. Manchester United has fallen with everyone else, yet its prospects are so much brighter than the rest of the sector that it is hardly comparable to the likes of Sheffield United or Charlton Athletic. Newcastle United is also an interesting prospect, thanks to its plans to build a new 55,000-seat stadium at Castle Leazes.

Though there is some concern about the cost of the project, the extra revenue Castle Leazes could bring makes Newcastle United a double play, with both a stadium and a pay-per-view kicker. Tony Frazer at Singer, though, thinks the club is too expensive at current levels. He may regret this decision as many have regretted investing in his fund.



Familiar face: Alan Hansen on *Match of the Day*



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## A QUESTION OF MONEY

## Can horrors of house buying be exorcised?

State agents have again become public enemy number one as the housing market heats up and fierce competition for scarce property brings 1980s-style stress for buyers and sellers.

This week, the Government promised a review of the whole conveyancing system, widely criticised for its unpredictability and slowness. At the same time, estate agents are being asked to sign up to an extended ombudsman scheme which would give consumers an independent complaints procedure.

This follows a stern warning to agents last week from the Office of Fair Trading that they could be banned or stripped of consumer credit licences for failing to pass on offers or disclose potential conflicts of interest.

So will all this make buying or selling a home less of a nightmare?

**Q** Will any of these things stop gazumping? I have lost two properties because other people have made higher offers.

**A** Under the current system, there can be a gap of weeks, sometimes months, between having your offer accepted and actually exchanging contracts. Until you exchange, the estate agent is legally bound to pass on all offers to the seller, who can accept a better offer even if you have already spent money on a survey and legal fees. The Government is considering ways of penalising gazumping, including a costs guarantee where each side would have to refund costs if a deal falls through.

**Q** Why can't the Government just change the law so that people sign the contract immediately after making an offer?

**A** The Lord Chancellor's Department claims there is nothing in current English law to stop you doing just that. But your seller has to agree, a tricky thing in a rising market, when he could miss out on a better offer. Agents will almost certainly not be keen, because the higher the price, the larger their commission. Some people negotiate voluntary lockout agreements where both sides agree to exchange within a certain time.

The Scottish system looks superficially more attractive. Potential buyers make sealed bids and the winner signs the contract immediately.

But you may end up paying for several surveys and searches on properties you do not get. Nigel Griffiths, the Consumer Affairs Minister, indicated a preference for the Scottish system earlier this week but other government departments said that changing to the Scottish system was not government policy.

**Q** Will I be able to complain to the new ombudsman if I've been gazumped?

**A** Almost certainly not on those grounds alone. Agents work for the seller and have a duty to get the best price by handing on all offers. As the OFT made clear last week agents can be banned for taking fees from buyers to "ring-fence" properties. But you may be able to complain if the agent does not explain this, because this would be a breach of professional codes of conduct.

**Q** What else will be covered under the ombudsman scheme?

**A** You will be able to go to the ombudsman if the agent has breached laws or professional codes of practice, or if you believe you have suffered unfair treatment or maladministration. The bad practices outlined by the OFT last week should come within the ombudsman's remit. These include failing to declare a personal interest to a seller, and failing to tell a seller if there is a potential conflict of interest through earning commission on insurance sales to buyers.

**Q** I'm confused. I thought there was already an estate agents' ombudsman scheme.

**A** There is a limited one which only covers corporate agents — firms which are part of a chain. Independent agents are not covered. But now the three professional bodies for estate agents have written to their members asking for support to set up an extended scheme.

**Q** When will the scheme start and how much compensation can I claim?

**A** If the bodies get enough support, it should be running by September. The ombudsman will be able to award up to £50,000, which you can accept or reject without losing the right to go to court.

SARA MCCONNELL

## London properties set for 15% rise this year



Moving on: the Blair family's house in Islington is on the market for £615,000

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a rise in interest rates and the prospect of the Chancellor removing mortgage interest tax relief (MIRAS) in next month's Budget could take the heat out of the market. Mr Barr believes the result will be only temporary. "It makes sense now to own a home," he said. "With mortgage rates at between 7 and 8 per cent and house prices rising by 9 per cent, you are making money just by living there."

Outside London and the South East the boom is on a smaller scale. In the North West, Peter Davies of estate agents Thompson and Partners said the market is active but prices remain static.

First-time buyers are returning in Yorkshire, Lancashire and Cheshire where agents see a 5 to 6 per cent price rise by the year end.

MARIANNE CURPHEY  
Research by Alex Bagner

## Bad landlords face day of reckoning

Sara McConnell on the prospect of leasehold valuation tribunals

Leaseholders keen to sack incompetent or negligent landlords or agents as managers and take control of their block's management themselves should prepare for action now, according to Lease, the independent leasehold advisory service.

The Government is expected to sign the final papers giving the green light to an extended network of leasehold valuation tribunals (LVTs) this month, to start early in July.

Flat-owners, who mostly own their flats on long leases, will be able to contest high service charges at tribunal. But the tribunals should also open the way for leaseholders to gain permanent control of the overall management of their property.

Peter Haler, chief executive of Lease, says there should be nothing to stop leaseholders forming themselves into a company and applying to the tribunal collectively to replace a bad manager. This could be the landlord himself or his agent. Once the leaseholders' company is in place as managing agent, it can subcontract management duties to its own chosen professional agent.

Such an arrangement

would leave the landlord as freeholder but remove the power to manage the property, levy service charges or carry out unnecessary repairs.

Thousands of leaseholders have been waiting for the chance to challenge high service charges and poor management of property through the tribunals, which were promised in April but delayed because of the election.

Unlike county courts, tribunals will charge a fixed fee of a maximum of £500 and will not have the power to award costs. Leasehold reform campaigners see LVTs as the key to strengthened rights for leaseholders, allowing them to take on landlords and their agents without facing the uncertainty of paying the landlord's costs if they lose.

The county courts already have the power to replace bad managers. But leaseholders, rather than the courts, will be able to nominate a replacement. Mr Haler argues that such a power "will give tenants

the right to manage by the back door". When it was in opposition, Labour tried unsuccessfully to insert an amendment into last year's Housing Act which would have given leaseholders the right to manage their own blocks.

The amendment was resisted and overturned by the Conservatives. But tribunals, the Tories' response to demands for more leaseholder rights, look set to confer the right to manage anyway.

The first applications for tribunal hearings are expected to be accepted next month, after Hilary Armstrong, the Housing Minister, has signed the final orders. Lease is drawing up standard application forms and a leaflet explaining how the tribunals work. To rid yourselves of a bad manager you will have to show either:

■ The landlord is in breach of management obligations under the lease.

■ He or she has demanded, or is likely to demand, unreasonable service charges.

■ The landlord has failed to comply with recognised codes of practice for managing agents. These are issued by the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors (RICS) or the Association of Retirement Housing Managers (ARHM) for sheltered housing.

There are other circumstances which the tribunal should take into account. Before you go to the tribunal you will normally have to serve a notice on the landlord outlining the grounds of your application and specifying a time by which he must resolve disputes.

If he fails to respond, you apply to the tribunal. If the tribunal gives you collective control of management, think seriously about appointing a professional managing agent. You will have the power to sack him if he does not perform. The Association of Residential Managing Agents (Arma) can supply a list of members in your area.

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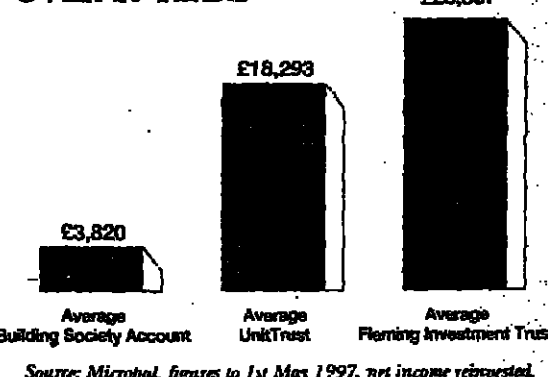
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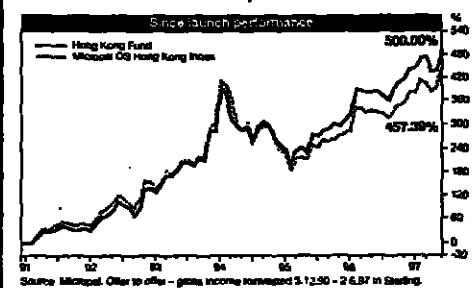
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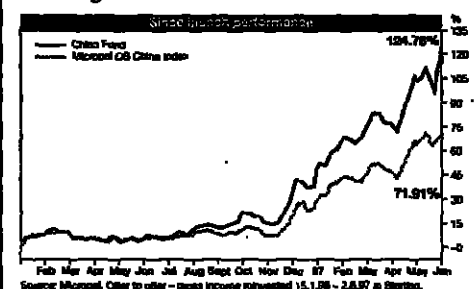
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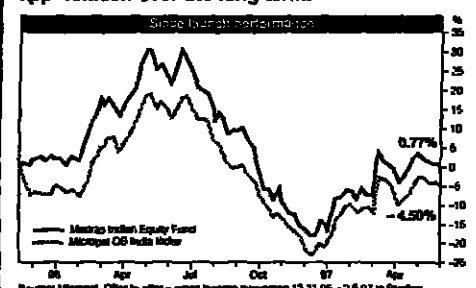
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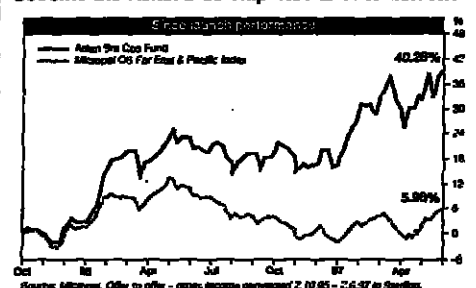
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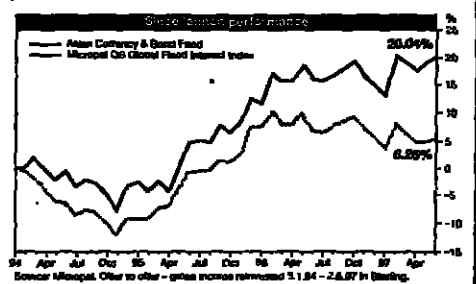
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## Investment trusts are long-term buys

From Mr E.J. Fenton  
Sir, I would like to take up some points raised by Nathan Yates in his article "Predators on the Prowl" (Weekend Money, June 7). The article contained some fairly extreme language. One phrase in particular caught my eye "In one of the unspoken scandals of the financial industry, trust directors have failed to act to prevent discounts from widening..."

First, I would strongly reject the suggestion of any scandal, unspoken or otherwise, in the investment trust industry. What we have seen in recent months, as always, is the stock market operating in its usual way. Many investment trust shares have not kept up with the surge in equity markets and discounts have indeed

widened. However, in the context of the past 20 years the present level is quite modest at 11 per cent, having been over 30 per cent and as low as 4 per cent. Even so, the activities of predator funds and arbitrageurs confirm that this is a buying opportunity — and one that should not be missed by private investors.

Secondly, it is quite obvious that directors cannot act in a direct sense in influencing the share price. Any such manipulation is likely to be illegal. In extreme circumstances a reduction of capital may be considered, but investors must be aware that the structure of an investment trust company is long term in nature.

Indeed, investment trusts' superior performance is dependent upon the underlying

portfolio being built for the long term.

The third point I would like to make is about performance itself. The industry comprises some 350 individual companies all with different investment objectives and performance. The generalist trusts with a wide spread of equity investments have shown consistently steady performance.

True, the performance of highly specialised funds is much more volatile — as should be expected. The Far East sector shows net asset value total returns on £100 of only 85 and 89 for one and three years respectively, although 380 over 10 years.

Finally, I come to the role of directors. This association is keen to ensure that the industry follows best practice, in-

cluding corporate governance. The Stock Exchange and the AITC requires that all investment trust companies must have a majority of independent directors and each and every director, independent or not, must put the interests of the shareholder first. If the thrust of Mr Yates's article is that this is not the case then the industry must redouble its effort to prove him wrong. My conclusion is that investment trust company boards are effective and efficient in looking after the interests of the shareholder.

Yours faithfully,  
ERNEST FENTON,  
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## Banks and veg don't always mix

From Mr A. Galloway  
Sir, Having been one of the first people to open a Sainsbury's bank account, I have been shocked at the number of administrative errors that the bank has made on my account.

Retailers' favourite slogan used to be retail is detail — obviously this does not apply to their banking operations! Perhaps they would be better off concentrating on retailing while leaving banking to those who do it best, the banks.

I, for one, shall be returning my deposit to National Savings who have served me well by providing prompt efficient service without such errors for many years.  
Yours faithfully,  
ADAM GALLOWAY,  
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Kiln Ride Extension,  
Finchamstead,  
Wokingham,  
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From Mrs Sue Parkes  
Sir, If Mr Edmonds (Suffering from an identity crisis, Weekend Money Letters, May 31) feels he has difficulties joining a building society he might find Sainsbury's Bank an even greater challenge.

It took me four attempts and not even the universally accepted electricity bill won it over. I was admitted only after having supplied my current bank statements together with a letter from the Halifax regarding my share allocation.  
Yours faithfully,  
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## Lack of urgency from NU helpline

From Mr R.G. Ferguson  
Sir, Norwich Union is advertising vigorously the urgency of responding to its share offer.

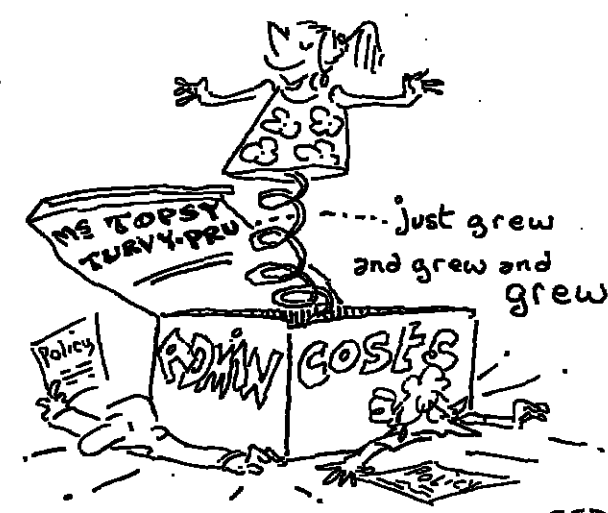
On receiving the required application form, I wanted to ask when and how my shares could be sold at the earliest opportunity. On six occasions, its telephone helpline has invited me to "call back later, or tomorrow", and I am still awaiting a reply to my letter of a week ago marked "urgent — flotation enquiry".  
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## Topsy-turvy tale of Pru retraining

From Mr T. Chevalier

Sir, If it is not the fault of the Pru sales staff that they need retraining (Pru staff get free shares to retrain, June 7) then it must be the fault of their managers? No, it's 90 per cent the policyholders' (customers') fault! In this topsy-turvy world are directors and shareholders responsible for anything? That, policyholders are to contribute 90 per cent of the cost of retraining the Pru's ill-trained staff is absurd. I thought shareholders appointed directors to direct and take responsibility for success and failure. It now appears Pru directors and shareholders are only 10



per cent responsible for their poor management.  
I have no financial interest in the Pru but if it can get away with this it may be worthwhile buying shares,

but definitely not a policy.  
Yours faithfully,  
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Dunstable, Bedfordshire.

## Good practice not more regulation

From Mr G. Lunt  
Sir, I take a professional interest in your article (Watchdog attacked over group schemes, Weekend Money, May 31). Your correspondent implies lack of transparency and high set-up charges are inevitably associated with group personal pensions to the detriment of early leavers. Neither is it impossible to provide good communication methods to ensure that employees fully understand the

benefits afforded by their policy and the cost.  
An employer who prides himself on staff welfare, assisted by a diligent adviser can tackle these issues, without the need for increased regulation. It is called good practice and I am happy to report that there is still a lot of it around.  
Yours faithfully,  
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## THE WEEK IN MONEY

■ VIRGIN DIRECT has been criticised by other PEP providers for its aggressive marketing campaign which, they argue, threatens to bring the fund management industry into disrepute. Virgin Direct claims that up to 90 per cent of PEP customers are victims of poor investment performance and brands 24 rival funds as "superdogs" that have failed to give value.

Stock Exchange over potentially price-sensitive remarks about merger talks with NatWest Bank. Abbey had spoken to the press before the Stock Exchange ruling out a deal with NatWest. An Abbey spokesman said: "We are deeply sorry... we should not have been quite so definite in our public statement without prior Stock Exchange approval."

pluses totalling nearly £350 million to fund redundancies after the privatisation.

■ WOOLWICH has raised its mortgage rate to 7.95 per cent. The rise will take immediate effect for new borrowers, but existing borrowers will not pay the new rate until June 19.

■ NATIONWIDE would be valued at £7 billion if it opted for flotation, according to the society's own calculation about its potential value. Members could benefit from a windfall of nearly £2,000 on conversion or takeover.

■ EVERY housebuyer's worst nightmare, gazumping, may become a thing of the past. Nigel Griffiths, Minister for Consumer Affairs, plans to stop the tactic of offering a higher price for property above the level agreed with another buyer by extending the Scottish system of house buying for use in England and Wales.

■ THE High Court ruled that National Grid and National Power acted lawfully in using pension scheme sur-

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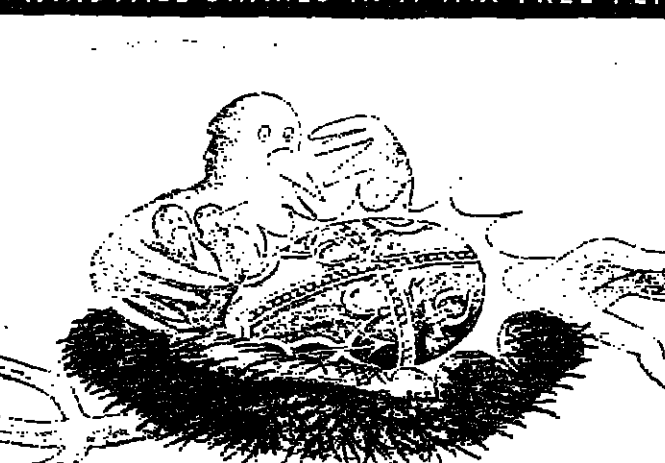


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RACING: EASTERBY OFFERS OPPORTUNITY TO UNRAVEL COMPETITIVE SIX-FURLONG HANDICAP

# Double Action can deliver net profit

By CHRIS MCGRATH

AS A means of getting your eye in for Royal Ascot, having a bet on the William Hill Trophy at York this afternoon might seem akin to a rusty batsman being asked to pad up against Devon Malcolm in the nets.

With a 19-runner, bookmaker-sponsored sprint handicap as the cornerstone of Channel 4's coverage, it is not difficult to imagine punters starting



the royal meeting on Tuesday with the financial equivalent of two front teeth missing.

But there is a plausible look about Double Action, and not only for those taking an interest in generous odds today. For he is trained by Tim Easterby and ridden by Kieren Fallon, whose combination with Bolin Joanne in Friday's Wokingham Handicap yesterday inspired further ante-post support (10-1 from 16-1 with Coral).

It is the booking of Fallon that indicates some sort of light is about to emerge from



Orsay, right, gets the better of Game Play in the Devitt Insurance Services Handicap at Sandown yesterday

under Double Action's bushel. A winner at Thirsk last year, Double Action has not been able to show his best in three starts this term, notably when badly drawn over five furlongs for the last two. He is

undoubtedly capable of better, and the return to his favoured distance can enable him to prove the point.

Double Action (3.40) is out of Final Shot, who won the Ayr Gold Cup in the mud for

Peter Easterby — a fact that offers encouragement that he will handle the softish ground. It might also suggest that a big handicap can be learned on a father's knee.

Lynda Ramsden, another northern trainer noted for a deft touch with handicappers, provides the favourite, Bishops Court. But he is 7lb higher than when failing under a penalty here last time and

there are more enticing possibilities about Return Of Amin, who may just need further but has shaped well when poorly drawn of late.

Easterby can tee up a double with Sandmoor Chamberlain (3.10) in the Cadogan Silver Salver Handicap, a race the gelding won last year. His reappearance at Doncaster showed him to be at least as good as ever and he has not been ridden with the same enterprise since. High Premium and Dreams End, those remarkable nine-year-olds, will capitalise on any further conservatism.

Break The Rules (4.15) should win the Queen Mother's Cup for women riders if Amanda Perrett can coax him into repeating his recent Chester display, when he was tailed off until grabbing the lead. She was in the irons for his previous victory at Doncaster, and Martin Pipe saddled the then obscure Make A Stand to win this 12 months ago.

Al Azhar and The Prince bring encouraging reports to the last levistee race, the Daniel Penn Royal Yorkshire Rated Handicap (4.45), but Mark Prescott's Union Town (4.45) has arguably achieved better form, with four victories from five outings.

His Salisbury form has been questioned because of a slow pace, but the Generous colt would not have been suited by it. He has run only on fast ground, however, so caution is advised. The time for recklessness is next week.

## Fallon favourite to be top rider at Royal Ascot

By CHRIS MCGRATH

KIEREN FALLON has been made 5-4 on by Coral to win the London Clubs Trophy for leading rider at Royal Ascot next week, partly as a result of diminishing opposition to Sleepytime, his mount in the Coronation Stakes on Wednesday. The 1,000 Guineas winner will face no more than six rivals, although they include the winner of the Irish equivalent, Classic Park.

Classic Park's trainer, Aidan O'Brien, may run Mingling Glances into the

first-day "banker" in Bosra Sham, like Sleepytime one of a number of strong candidates for Henry Cecil. The contrasting fortunes of Frankie Dettori are reflected in a quote of 7-1. Dettori is banned for the last day of the meeting, and Coral favours Olivier Peslier at 11-2 and Pat Eddery at 6-1.

Peslier, the French champion who has earned such a following on his cross-Channel visits, rode his first group one winner in this country at last year's meeting aboard Shake The Yoke in the Coronation Stakes.

The increasingly international flavour of the meeting sees two Irishmen quoted next in the betting — Mick Kinane on 8-1 and Christy Roche at 12-1 — and there is even a price of 66-1 against Gary Stevens, the brilliant American who warms up for Ascot by riding at Sandown today.

Reg Akershurst warned yesterday that Tregaron, the ante-post favourite for the Royal Hunt Cup on Wednesday, is not a certain runner. "He did a bit of work this morning and I was pleased with him, but I've not been over happy with his previous work," Akershurst said. "I'll make a decision on Monday."

Nap: LAWAHIK (4.45 York)  
Next best: Dreams End (3.10 York)

bargain, but she is also engaged in the Jersey Stakes on the same card. Also doubly represented is Saeed bin Suwaid, with Ocean Ridge and Moonlight Paradise, respectively fifth and tenth behind Sleepytime at Newmarket. The other acceptors, Khassah and Rebecca Sharp, are likewise unraced since finishing down the field in the Guineas.

Fallon, the season's leading jockey, also rides the

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# England selectors sure to keep faith with Malcolm



Malcolm: unpredictable but worth the gamble

IF EVER there was a moment for the England cricket selectors to preach continuity, this surely is it. So far this summer, the psychological points have gone against Australia as regularly as the match results and the naming, tomorrow, of an unchanged England 13 for Lord's can only reinforce the trend.

This, almost certainly, is what will occur. The selectors, indeed, are not even planning to meet before the party for the second Cornhill Test is announced, although David Graveney, the chairman, has spoken at length to Graham Gooch and Mike Gatting, his colleagues, and to Michael Atherton and David Lloyd, the captain and coach.

Graveney is not by nature a tub-thumping spokesman — he is happy to leave the passionate rhetoric to Lloyd — but the pride in his voice was plain as he reflected on a first

Test in which, he feels, such contributory factors as an impeccable standard of umpiring and an unblemished atmosphere between the teams were largely overlooked in the euphoria of victory.

"It was a fantastic four days," Graveney said, "and the constant response I have been getting ever since, from talking to players, is that the English cricketer is proud of his profession right now. There were many things to admire about our performance, but the most pleasing was that everyone in the side played his part."

No stronger hint is needed that even minor surgery on the team structure would be thought counter-productive. This attitude will be a relief to Devon Malcolm, in particular, for the man chosen specifically for his speed and hostility summoned very little of either until bowling a

Alan Lee, cricket correspondent, sees no reason for changes in the side which performed with such élan at Edgbaston

significant spell immediately after tea on the final day.

Malcolm continues to be an enigma and, at 34, there is little point in expecting anything else. If he could be guaranteed to bowl more often than not, as he did in that one spell, he would be an automatic choice in every England team. Instead, the bulk of his Test match bowling has been innocuous, his run-up either plodding or prancing unorthodoxly and his action falling away decisively in the delivery stride.

Quite what motivates him to shift into his effective mode is a mystery to me and if any of his captains, down the years, has found the key to him they

have been very frugal in its use. For now, though, the team management is inclined to blame nerves for his humble start to the match and, quite correctly, to assume that his later metamorphosis will have given Steve Waugh, especially, an uncomfortable reminder of what a proposition he can be.

Loyalty to the theory of Malcolm will mean further disappointment for the queue of competing seam bowlers. Mike Smith ought to lead the left-arm option, though some selectors still prefer the tried and so far disappointing Alan Mullally, while Dean Headley cannot expect promotion to the five-day side until he gets

through a few more four-day games for Kent.

Before long, the young brigade may barge all such rivals aside and claim whatever vacancies may arise. Alex Tudor has already been given a taste of the England atmosphere by joining the squad before the first Test and Ashley Cowan, who is bowling so impressively for Essex, may now be granted a similar baptism.

The idea that two spin bowlers might be needed at Lord's, as has certainly been the case in the past, is unlikely to hold sway this year. The Test is to be played on a relict pitch, last used for the 1996 Benson and Hedges Cup final, and the advice of Gatting, who is in the best position to know, is that the relict parts of the square have been much less responsive to spin.

Philip Tufnell, however, is still bowling well for Middle-

sex, especially when he maintains an attacking line around the wicket, and England are sure to retain him in their party of 13 in case conditions are not quite what they expect.

The same is true of Adam Hogg, though it is hard to see what can bring him his Test debut just yet barring an injury to one of the established middle-order batsmen. Mark Ealham was preferred only narrowly at Edgbaston, but finished the game with a half-century and three timely wickets. If his bowling, at the start of each spell, was riven with nerves, it is hardly surprising, but the more he plays, the more Ealham will overcome any self-doubts about his ability at this level.

Likely squad: Atherton, Butcher, Stewart, Hussain, Thorpe, Crawley, Ealham, A. Hogg, Caddick, Malcolm, Tufnell, Cowan.



Tufnell: unlikely to be suited by Lord's pitch

## CRICKET

### Improving Iranian gives upper hand to Essex

By MICHAEL HENDERSON

HOVE (second day of four): Sussex, with five second-innings in hand, are 24 runs behind Essex

STUNG by their feeble efforts on the first day, and possibly by the realisation that they may soon become a laughing-stock, Sussex batted with considerably more resolution yesterday until they were undone in the last hour.

Rajesh Rao, 22, who was once on the MCC groundstaff and is appearing in only his third championship match, was playing extremely well until 11 runs short of his maiden hundred, he edged a catch to Graham Gooch at second slip. Next ball the nightwatchman, James Kirtley, was taken at third slip by Nasser Hussain after Gooch knocked the ball up. It meant that Kirtley, out first ball twice, suffered a king pair.

Sussex will lose some time today but they have regained pride, which must be the limit of their ambition until the tide turns, as sides do. They are not going to win many matches this year, that is for sure, but they can make a start by making opponents work hard for wins of their own.

Rao and Neil Lenham made the county's first century opening stand of the summer before the latter failed to beat Hussain's throw. They also lost Neil Taylor, caught on the pull, and Bill Athey, who was disappointed to be adjudged leg-before in the next over as he tried to sweep Paul Grayson's left-arm spin.

Picking up in the morning on 232 for five, Essex had pushed on to 384, and a lead of 244, by lunch. Ronnie Irani completed the seventh hundred of his first-class career and Robert Rollins, who was unforgiving on anything that caught his roving eye, made a very good 82. There were also four slip catches for Athey, who had dropped Grayson the previous evening, all taken with some assurance.

With the arrival of the brothers Hollis, Irani has suddenly become the forgotten man of English cricket, which does him less justice than he deserves. As he showed later in the day, when he gave Lenham all sorts of trouble outside his off stump, his bowling has improved since the winter. His batting, forceful and uncomplicated, has always made him a player worth watching and he was close to his best here.

His hundred came from 131 balls, and included 18 boundaries, and he appeared set to pass his previous best score, 123 against Hampshire earlier this season, when he edged to Amer Khan at slip. His stand with Rollins realised 65 runs and the wicketkeeper maintained a healthy rate of scoring after Irani's departure.

Khan, the leg-spin bowler, saw his third ball cross the ropes at long-off, as Rollins decided that two balls was a sufficient sighter. Robinson, recalled to nip out the tail, was driven straight for six more and, two balls later, pulled through the windows of the committee-room, where members of the club's reconstituted body were assembling for drinks. Rollins made 82 from 104 balls before Khan, assisted by Athey, was avenged.

Rollins is a good enough batsman to have made a first-class hundred, is a handy wicketkeeper and, at 23, he has time on his side. He is a determined little chap as well and carries on playing despite fracturing his left index finger last month.

Rao and Lenham launched the Sussex second innings comfortably. Ashley Cowan, their destroyer on the first day, found the pitch less helpful and soon gave way to Irani, who regularly moved the ball away from the bat and, quite regularly to his enormous frustration, found the edge. Lenham, in particular, lived uneasily for a time, but Essex had their way later.

### No deals done in tame draw

By SIMON WILDE

TRENT BRIDGE (final day of three): Nottinghamshire drew with the Australians

THIS Test's Challenge Series match was never going anywhere once the first day had been lost to rain and, sure enough, it duly petered out into a tame draw yesterday, with the Australians devoting the day to batting practice. In response to Nottinghamshire's 239, they scored 398 for five on a pitch that had lost some of its earlier life.

Matthew Elliott scored 127, Steve Waugh 115 and Michael Bevan an unbeaten 75. There was never any question of deals being done to make the game into a "contest". It is not the Australian way and, in any case, a run-chase was the last thing that the touring team needed: they have played enough one-day cricket in the past couple of months. In fact, a heavy shower at 5.10pm hastened the end.

The Australians moved on to Leicester last night for their final encounter before the second Test match at Lord's and the team that they plan to field there offers clues as to how they are thinking. Bevan, Slater and Ponting, who may be competing for the last batting place, all play, as do Reiffel and Julian, one of whom must act as third seamer in the Test. Blewett is again rested, giving his sore knee more chance to mend.

If Lord's offers anything to the spinners, Bevan, as Australia's second spinner, must surely play. The runs that he made here will have helped his cause, although they were made when the game had lost all meaning and Johnson, the Nottinghamshire captain, had placed the bowling mainly in the hands of Dowman, Astle and Afzal.

Bevan faced 92 balls and struck five fours and one spectacular six, an on-drive against Afzal that landed on the roof of the old press box. Perhaps more to the point, neither Slater nor Ponting made runs.

Ponting, playing his first innings for four weeks, was out in the first over of the day, much to his chagrin. He looked unhappy about umpire Meyer's leg-before verdict: presumably, he believed that he had hit the ball and, after one further ball, the players came off for rain.

Both Waugh and Bevan, who faced the more demanding bowling, were subdued, taking 20 overs to score



Elliott, of Australia, plays a pull shot on his way to a century yesterday

29 before essaying a lavish drive at Dowman and edging into the hands of first slip. Steve made no such mistake, briskly working the ball around for his first century in ten tour innings from 117 balls. He shared stands of 121 with Elliott and 132 with Bevan.

Bevan came in after Elliott had more or less given his

wicket away to Afzal and played by far the most impressive innings of the day. His driving and hooking were safe and authoritative, and his defence sound. His second hundred of the tour was brought up with a glorious pulled six off Pick: there cannot be many better hookers in the game today.

Make hay though the Aus-

tralian did yesterday, the unrelentingly hot weather has not helped. One reason is that they have not won since beating Northamptonshire a month ago: the other that they were again plagued by a small group of "patriots" determined to confirm that the dumbering-down of English cricket audiences continues apace.

### Stewart outdoes his father

By IVO TENNANT

THE OVAL (second day of four): Yorkshire, with six first-innings wickets in hand, are 323 runs behind Surrey

TO AVOID being beaten by Surrey on a pitch taking a marked amount of turn, one or two Yorkshiremen will have to bat with much the same self-belief as Alec Stewart has shown. In the course of making an unbeaten 271, he not only batted quite beautifully and achieved the highest score of his career, but outshone his father.

Mickey Stewart reached the same plateau 33 years ago when he took 227 off Middlesex. For his son, it has not been quite the same as having to contend with a Hutton or a Cowdrey as the head of the family, but there would have been enough difficulties to surmount when Stewart Sr was the England manager.

Alec is a more stylish batsman — indeed a finer cricketer — and his innings was the 15th highest score in Surrey's history. That is more than May, Barrington or Edrich

achieved, although they did not play four-day cricket. Stewart faced 315 balls and hit 36 fours and three sixes, one of them majestically cut over point when White made little attempt to disguise a shorter, quicker ball. Benjamin helped him add 54 for the last wicket, a stand that was as diverting as it was productive. Yorkshire were left to make 400 to avoid following on, a target they looked to reach without embellishing their batting.

In his first championship match, Saqlain Mushaq had a lengthy bowl from both ends, occasionally interspersing his off-breaks with a quicker ball akin to a leg cutter that is delivered without any perceptible change of action. He eventually had Moxon taken at slip, but given the amount of turn he and Salisbury were able to obtain, they would not have been over-pleased with their return. Byas used his considerable reach to good effect.

The captain's past and present added 69 after

Kettleborough was bowled by Bicknell shouldering arms. Moxon was dropped by Saqlain off his own bowling, a fairly straightforward chance when on 53 that proved not to be costly.

Lehmann, who became the third Yorkshire batsman to score a first-century, made greater attempts to attack the bowling. He will do well to make as many runs as Bevan, his fellow Australian, achieved last year, but he has settled in well, looks to enjoy himself on and off the pitch, and has quite a few fellow countrymen to impress in England this summer. He was still there at the close, having scored 61.

More attritional batting will be required today, for Byas, who stayed in for three hours, and Parker went in successive balls to Saqlain, one caught at slip, the other at silly point.

Dave Gilbert, the Surrey coach, came up with some ominous noises after their defeat by Essex: they will be concerned if they do not win now.

EDGBASTON (second day of four): Warwickshire, with seven first-innings wickets in hand, are nine runs ahead of Derbyshire

THERE are only two English-born batsmen with a career average of more than 40 who have never gained international recognition. One is Peter Bowler, the Somerset captain, and he was raised in Australia. The other is Andy Moles, a Brummiethrough and through, and yesterday he showed once more how unlucky he had been never to get the selectorial nod.

Moles is 36 and in his benefit season, so time has passed him by. There are, however, few players around who could have batted as well as he did to put Warwickshire in a position of strength on a pitch that is expected to give increasing help to seam, with the ball keeping low, and spin.

Nick Knight is not one of them at the moment. He has just lost his England place and he is not going to get it back in

a hurry if he keeps playing the kind of shot he aimed at a wide, short ball from Devon Malcolm to be caught behind in the fifth over of the day.

Such early success prompted Phillip de Freitas, Derbyshire's new captain, to call his players around him for a finger-wagging pep talk, obviously designed to tell them exactly what was required in the conditions. Malcolm responded immediately with a couple of searing deliveries that David Hemp did well to survive, but it all began to go downhill after that. Moles was the main reason. He could not have been more watchful in defence or positive in attack, cutting and square driving Harris, pulling Malcolm, and driving de Freitas through mid-on and extra cover on his way to 50 out of 92 off only 93 balls.

Hemp was the ideal foil. An England batsman two winters ago, he lost his way with Glamorgan after a sickening collision in the outfield left him with four broken ribs and a punctured lung. Now fully

recovered, and with his confidence restored by three centuries for his new county, he was back to his elegant best as he swept Clarke for six and dispatched Malcolm emphatically to the cover boundary.

With his seamers and spinners unable to make an impression, de Freitas was left to do the job himself. He broke the second-wicket stand of 124 when he had Hemp caught behind, cutting, for 60 and then got Moles the same way, for 83, when he nibbled outside the off-stump.

On each occasion Krikken did his work well standing up to the seaming, swinging ball but although de Freitas continued to keep him on his toes in an unbroken 14-over spell that brought him two for 35, Ostler and Penney had seen Warwickshire into the lead by the time the third stoppage for rain and bad light brought an early close.

England's triumph in the first Ashes Test at Edgbaston has helped Nottinghamshire to sell their remaining tickets for the fifth Test.

## YESTERDAY'S SCOREBOARDS

### Teddy's Challenge Series

#### Nottinghamshire v Australians

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S.R. Waugh c Atzal b Dowman 115  
M.G. Bevan not out 75  
M.A. Caddick not out 10  
Extras (b 3, lb 3, w 4) 10  
Total (8 wickets) 398

B.P. Julian, P.R. Reiffel, M.S. Kasparowicz and G.D. McGrath did not bat.  
FALL OF WICKETS: 1-28, 2-58, 3-133, 4-250, 5-382

BOWLING: Fraser 16-5-54-0, Pick 13-0-52-1, Evans 15-1-61-1, Chan 5-1-14-0, Astle 13-1-37-0, Dowman 16-0-78-2, Atzal 15-2-1-96-1

Umpires: J.D. Bond and B.J. Meyer

### Britannic Assurance county championship

#### Glamorgan v Middlesex

CARDIFF (second day of four): Middlesex, with five first-innings wickets in hand, are 34 runs behind Glamorgan

MIDDLESEX: First Innings  
P.N. Wells c Thomas b Watkin 3  
J.H. Kallis c Maynard b Watkin 14  
M.R. Ramprakash c Shaw b Watkin 63  
M.W. Gatting c Shaw b Thomas 28  
C.C. Royle b Le Crut 40  
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Extras (b 5, lb 2, w 2) 10  
Total (5 wickets) 247

K.P. Daugh, R.L. Johnson, J.P. Howell and P.C. Tufnell did not bat.  
FALL OF WICKETS: 1-5, 2-185, 3-172, 4-227, 5-345

BOWLING: Watkin 19-0-72-0, Watkin 16-5-29-3, Thomas 3-1-27-1, Croft 24-3-63-1, Butler 5-1-21-0, Dale 5-1-9-0

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M.G. Bevan not out 75  
M.A. Caddick not out 10  
Extras (b 3, lb 3, w 4) 10  
Total (8 wickets) 398

B.P. Julian, P.R. Reiffel, M.S. Kasparowicz and G.D. McGrath did not bat.  
FALL OF WICKETS: 1-28, 2-58, 3-133, 4-250, 5-382

BOWLING: Fraser 16-5-54-0, Pick 13-0-52-1, Evans 15-1-61-1, Chan 5-1-14-0, Astle 13-1-37-0, Dowman 16-0-78-2, Atzal 15-2-1-96-1

Umpires: J.D. Bond and B.J. Meyer

### Britannic Assurance county championship

#### Glamorgan v Middlesex

CARDIFF (second day of four): Middlesex, with five first-innings wickets in hand, are 34 runs behind Glamorgan

MIDDLESEX: First Innings  
P.N. Wells c Thomas b Watkin 3  
J.H. Kallis c Maynard b Watkin 14  
M.R. Ramprakash c Shaw b Watkin 63  
M.W. Gatting c Shaw b Thomas 28  
C.C. Royle b Le Crut 40  
A.R.C. Fraser not out 3  
J.K. Brown not out 4  
Extras (b 5, lb 2, w 2) 10  
Total (5 wickets) 247

K.P. Daugh, R.L. Johnson, J.P. Howell and P.C. Tufnell did not bat.  
FALL OF WICKETS: 1-5, 2-185, 3-172, 4-227, 5-345

BOWLING: Watkin 19-0-72-0, Watkin 16-5-29-3, Thomas 3-1-27-1, Croft 24-3-63-1, Butler 5-1-21-0, Dale 5-1-9-0

### GLAMORGAN: First Innings

S.P. James c Brown b Fraser 3  
J.H. Kallis c Maynard b Watkin 14  
M.R. Ramprakash c Shaw b Watkin 63  
M.W. Gatting c Shaw b Thomas 28







TENNIS: SURPRISE DEFEAT FOR SAMPRAS IMPROVES PROSPECTS OF BRITISH TRIUMPH AT QUEEN'S

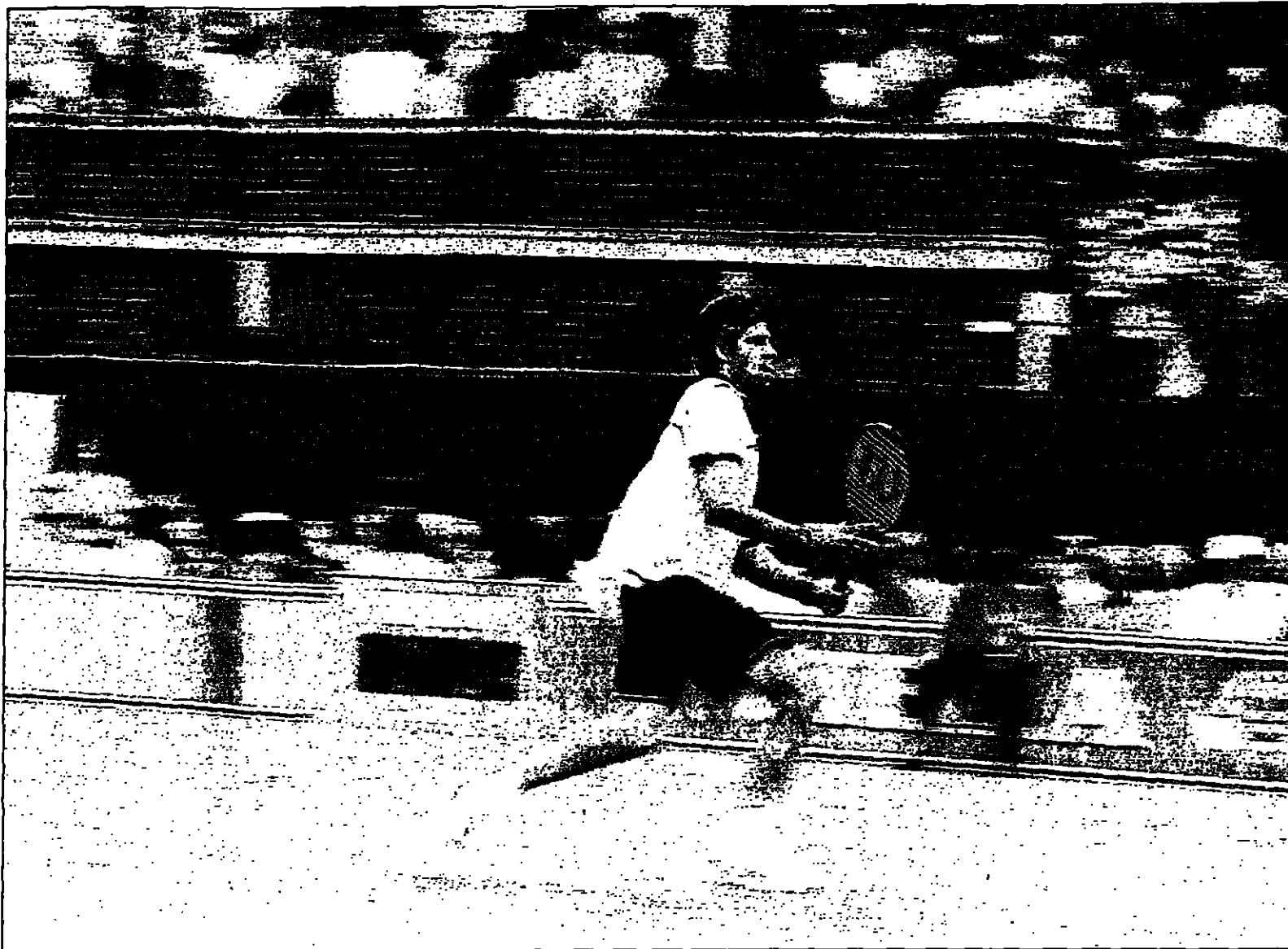
# Rusedski conjures magical victory

By JULIAN MUSCAT

A TRANSFORMATION as sudden as it was unexpected yesterday swept Greg Rusedski past Patrick Rafter to become the first British semi-finalist in 19 years of these Stella Artois championships. He will today play Goran Ivanisevic of Croatia for a place in the final.

Later in the day, Rusedski's prospects of winning the tournament advanced significantly when Pete Sampras was surprisingly beaten by Jonas Bjorkman, of Sweden. Sampras looked a shadow of the most feared grass-court player as Bjorkman, the No 8 seed, rallied from a lacklustre start to prevail 3-6, 6-3, 6-4. This defeat for the world No 1 raises questions about his ability to recapture the Wimbledon crown he lost to Richard Krajicek 12 months ago.

Sampras has made premature exits here before, but rarely has he looked so vulnerable. In 15 matches since



Rusedski rushes in to volley on his own service in the quarter-final victory over Rafter at Queen's Club yesterday. Photograph: Marc Aspland

## RESULTS

QUARTER-FINALS: G Rusedski (GB) bt P Rafter (Aus) 4-6, 7-5, 6-3. M Philippoussis (Aus) bt J Knapik (Cze) 6-2, 6-7, 6-4. J Bjorkman (Swe) bt P Sampras (US) 3-6, 6-3, 6-4. G Ivanisevic (CRO) bt J Golemic (YU) 6-3, 7-5.

landing his first three tournaments of the year — in Melbourne, San Jose and Philadelphia — Sampras has lost seven matches and won only six.

Bjorkman took time to adjust to the speed of the bounce on his centre court debut at Queen's Club. Once accustomed, however, he returned the Sampras service with gusto to unsettle one of the game's finest exponents. True, he faltered when 4-2 ahead in the concluding set, allowing Sampras to level the match. But an immediate riposte, facilitated by poor serving from Sampras, saw Bjorkman extend the sequence of upsets initiated at the recent French Open.

All players are keen to see the back of Sampras, and Rusedski is no exception. Yet the latter's prospects of overcoming Rafter, the third successive Australian he has dispatched, looked slim for half the match. Rafter maintained a firm stranglehold but Rusedski slipped his leash with joyful abandon just as he looked set to succumb. Where he once mis-hit service returns, he now struck outright winners to shred Rafter's carefully-scripted game-plan.

Initially, Rusedski got little change from standing up to his opponent's service. Only sporadically did the No 16 finest trouble Rafter; even then he failed to string together a meaningful sequence. "I made a change to stand further back and my returns got better," Rusedski said. "As my returns got better, I served better. I was thrilled with the second part of the match."

In truth, Rusedski, tamely broken in game seven, could hardly have regressed from the lethargy that cost him the opening set 6-4. Rafter ruthlessly attacked Rusedski's second service and a break to lead 4-3 in the second set seemed to signal Rusedski's passing. It was then that Rusedski caught fire, immediately redeeming the break with one of his own. At 6-5, he conjured yet another, completed by a dipping service return that epitomised his metamorphosis. He never looked back.

Rusedski squared the contest in the course of reeling off five successive games. The best of them came via another break, this time in game two of the deciding set when a succession of searing returns left Rafter swiping at air.

A backhand winner down the line engineered break point and Rusedski converted it with an identical rebuke of Rafter's service, this time down the forehand wing. Thoroughly dispirited, and tired from his recent exertions

in Paris, Rafter never threatened to recover. Rusedski racing away to a 4-6, 7-5, 6-3 verdict.

"It's nice to be the first British player to make the semi-finals here," Rusedski said. "I played some of my best

tennis of the year in the middle part of the match but there is always room for improvement. I am handling the situation of being out on the court better these days. That is the key to winning these close matches."

Whatever the outcome to Rusedski's march on this title, his world ranking, presently 44, will next week rise to a few spots below his career-best of 33. Unlike Henman, who went out in the third round here on Thursday, Rusedski's confidence is returning at just the right time.

Yet it could all have been so different. He was fortunate to overhaul Mark Woodforde, of Australia, when rain intervened in their first-round match and he staved off a match point in the second round against Kevin Ullyett, of South Africa. If the fates have been kind to him, he has, at least, taken maximum advantage.

## Basuki pulls the strings in victory

YAYUK BASUKI, of Indonesia, reached the semi-finals of the DFS Classic women's tournament at Edgbaston yesterday. Basuki, the No 4 seed, beat Magdalena Maleeva, of Bulgaria, seeded seventh, 7-6, 6-2 in 76 minutes and the victory could have been easier.

Basuki broke her opponent's service twice to go 3-0 up in the first set, only to allow Maleeva to pull back to 6-6; but she stepped up her game again in the second set to open up a 5-2 lead, gaining two match points with the

help of two Maleeva double faults in the eighth game. Maleeva saved one with a drop shot, but Basuki hit a winner on her next opportunity to make sure of her place in the last four.

"I was very pleased to win against Magdalena," Basuki said. "In the first set I was struggling but I got better in the second."

Venus Williams, 16, of the United States, will make her first appearance in Britain when she plays her first match on grass at Eastbourne today. Williams, having re-

fused a wild card into the Direct Line Insurance championships to get more grass-court practice, will play Wiltrud Probst, 28, from Germany, in the first qualifying round and will have to win two more matches, tomorrow and on Monday, to gain a place in the main draw.

Certainly she does not lack confidence. She expects to win her three qualifying matches and, if she does, she will go into the competition proper with an advantage over her rivals, who will start the tournament cold.

## GOLF

### Scots make double assault on amateur championship

By PATRICIA DAVIES

THE SCOTS have high hopes that Mhairi McKay and Alison Rose will meet in the final of the British women's amateur championship at Cruden Bay, near Peterhead, today in what would be the first all-Scottish final since 1981 — a pipe could be heard practising his skirl during the quarter-finals yesterday. First, however, they have to overcome the formidable Franco-Welsh axis of Maitea Alsuguren and Becky Morgan.

McKay, who demonstrated an alarming tendency to fritter away large leads before recovering to win her matches against Karen Stupples and Eleanor Pilgrim, plays Alsuguren, 25, a Basque who lives in Strasbourg. The Frenchwoman, very calm and composed, disposed of Janice Moodie, the leading qualifier, at the 18th on a cloudy but mercifully dry morning and,

on a chillier afternoon, was one under par when she defeated Silvia Cavalleri, the European champion, again on the 18th.

Rose flirted with defeat when she drove out of bounds at the last against Ana Belen Sanchez, of Spain, but the Scot had a birdie three at the 21st.

## DETAILS

Third round  
M Alsuguren (Fr) bt J Moodie 2 holes; S Cavalleri (It) bt S Wood (Aberdeen Ladies) 4 and 3; M McKay (Tumberry) bt K Stupples (Royal Cinque Ports) 19th; E Pilgrim (Celtic Manor) bt E R Power (Wickerry) 2 and 1; B Morgan (Monmouth) bt S Sanderson (The Berkshires) 2 and 1; K M Jull (Dun) bt M Hedberg (Steel 4 and 2; M Zelnemann (Hall of K Burton (St George's Hill) 3 and 2; A Rose (Stirling) bt A B Sanchez (Spi 21st)

Quarter-finals  
Alsuguren bt Cavalleri 2 holes; McKay bt Pilgrim 1 hole; Morgan bt Jull 2 and 1; Rose bt Zelnemann 3 and 2

to scrape through to the quarter-finals, where she was less troubled by Mariete Zelnemann, of Holland.

Morgan, quietly impressive, has proved beyond doubt that she is a player of high quality and that her place in the final last year was no fluke. She won her matches against the tenacious Englishwoman, Sarah Sanderson, and Karen Margrethe Juul, of Denmark, at the 17th, keeping her concentration during some cold and seemingly interminable waiting around in the afternoon.

McKay, who has withdrawn from the Scotland side for the women's European team championship next month because of a family commitment, is admirably phlegmatic on the golf course — a quality her supporters needed in abundance. Four up after 11 holes against Stupples, a Curtis Cup teammate, the Scot lost four of the next five holes, but won at the 19th when Stupples took three putts from the front edge.

There was more of the same against Pilgrim, the Welsh champion, who helped her own cause by single-putting no fewer than six times on the back nine. Wisely, McKay's mother watched Rose's match — it was easier on her nerves — as her daughter squandered another four-hole lead. Four up after 11 again, the fair-haired Scot was back to all square by the 16th. She missed a short putt at the 12th, was behind a beach hut at the 14th and was on the beach off the tee at the 15th. The hole is called 'Blind' Dunt because it is a blind tee shot, but it was more like blind panic for some of the McKay clan.

McKay herself remained calm and Pilgrim, who also won the 16th, spoiled her comeback with a bad drive into the rough at the 17th. McKay pitched dead for a birdie four and managed a half with par four at the last.

## SQUASH

### Nicol gets straight to the point

FROM COLIN MCQUELLAN IN CAIRO

PETER NICOL, of Scotland, and Del Harris, the Englishman, will meet in the last eight of the Al Ahram International championships, near Cairo, after safely negotiating the second round.

Nicol, the No 3 seed, defeated Zubair Jahan, of Pakistan, in straight games to set up the quarter-final encounter with Harris, the No 8 seed, who had earlier removed John White, of Australia, by completing a 15-13, 15-5, 15-5 victory.

The other men's quarter-final decided will be between Rodney Eyles, of Australia, the No 2 seed, and Ahmed Barada, the local teenager, who resisted an encouraging comeback from Peter Marshall, the Nottingham-based former world No 2. Marshall was returning to tournament action after suffering from chronic fatigue syndrome.

Suzanne Horner, of Yorkshire, Cassandra Jackman, from Norfolk, and Jane Martin, of Northumberland, are through to the quarter-finals of the first women's tournament played here.

Horner defeated Rachael Grinham, of Australia, 9-0, 9-2, 9-1 in the first round of a 16-strong field to meet Sarah FitzGerald, of Australia, the top-seeded world champion, while Jackman defeated May Hegazy, of Egypt, 9-1, 9-2, 9-4 in the same half of the draw and will meet Carol Owens, of Australia.

Martin put out Linda Charman 9-2, 9-9, 10-8, 9-0 to set up a meeting in the last eight with Michelle Martin, from Australia, the No 2 seed.

The other quarter-final in the bottom half of the women's draw is between Liz Irving, of Australia, who yesterday put out Rebecca Macree, the Essex player, and Sabine Schone, of Germany.

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## RUGBY LEAGUE

### Betts calls for curb on imports to regenerate English game

By CHRISTOPHER IRVINE

ODSAL and the atmosphere generated there by Bradford Bulls is much changed from when Denis Betts played there with Wigan, apart from the rain this week. Betts and Auckland Warriors anticipate an atypical British reception tonight, one based on intensity, passion and self-belief — elements missing from large parts of the domestic game.

Although Bradford narrowly lost their opening pool A world club championship match to Penrith, Betts detected no inferiority complex — another bane of the British game in the Betts book. "They came out doing the things they wanted to do," he said. "They weren't worried by Penrith. That's not a normal attitude in England, which can only change if standards improve throughout the competition."

He has found the early championship results depress-

ing, but not surprising, and believes that, if the Australasian domination does not trigger root-and-branch reform, starting with schools development, a drastic reduction of more than 200 overseas players in the three divisions and contraction rather than expansion of the Super League, then nothing will.

Betts is one of only five British players in the two rival competitions in Australia. "There are a lot of poor-quality overseas players in Britain," he said. "No disrespect to them, but it's a flaw in the English game that, because they are from Australia and New Zealand, they will somehow improve the game. In the Super League over there, there's me and Barrie-Jon Mather, who can't get into the Perth side."

"We've got to cut down on the quota [six overseas players per club]. They should have to be current internationals if

they want to play here. We might see a drop in standards for a couple of years, but what it might do is give the chance to some kids to step in and improve their game."

Betts's justified fear is that, when the separate southern hemisphere competitions combine next year, as seems inevitable, British clubs will be queuing for those players



Betts: cutting remarks

made surplus to requirements.

"I wouldn't let them come, as it would only feed the same mentality," he said. "Maybe we've got to move two steps back to move four or five forward, but, instead of wanting success now, clubs have got to look at the big picture."

"The way it's going, there will be no English players left. That's no good for us internationally. We're struggling enough as it is. We're the third strongest team, after New Zealand and whitewashed us 3-0 last year."

"We've got to start building up from somewhere and that means improvements in schools and the people coming into the game."

From leaving Wigan to join Auckland two years ago, because winning had got too easy, Betts has almost come full circle. Next season he rejoins Wigan, who no longer enjoy a monopoly domestically, but, significantly, were the only side in the first round to beat Australian opposition. Wigan's problem, according to Betts, is repeating the trick in Brisbane next Monday.

He said: "At Canterbury, Wigan played with an intensity not associated with the English game. They ran for everything, they scrambled. Defensively, they were everywhere, and they were a lot hungrier than Canterbury, who, when they couldn't breach their defence, began to panic."

"The biggest test for all the English sides this weekend is lifting themselves a second time. When Wigan beat Penrith and Brisbane in the world club challenge matches, they had to play one big game and then go back to the mediocre level they were used to. This time, they've got to play three games at the same level every week."

"That's why the test team never really carries through a series, because the players can be lifted for one game, but the intensity can't be sustained."

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## Brundle aims to let car do talking

FROM KEVIN EASON  
IN LE MANS

MURRAY WALKER will have to manage without Martin Brundle, his erudite sidekick, in the commentary box at the Canadian Grand Prix tomorrow. Brundle, the driver who exchanged his Formula One car for the microphone as ITV's grand prix pundit, will be back behind the wheel for the Le Mans 24-hour race.

While Walker is settling into his seat for the grand prix, Brundle will be close to the end of one of the most exhausting events in motor racing, driving through the night, snacking on pasta and gallons of water and sneaking a couple of hours' restful sleep in a motor-home.

The exhaustion will fade quickly, though. If Brundle can repeat his success of 1990, when he won here with Jaguar, and he has the car and the back-up for a famous victory over the famed and well-liked McLarens and Porsches.

He is driving a Nissan R390 GT1, built by TWR — Tom Walkinshaw's team that runs Damon Hill's Arrow Formula One car and won Le Mans twice with Jaguar. Brundle took pole position in pre-qualifying and, given reliability, there is no reason the Nissan cannot win at the first time of asking.

It would be a victory to please the 70,000 British supporters expected to watch a race that attracts one of the biggest followings in European motor racing.

The appeal of the spectacle, particularly the night driving, is great and the event brings together a cast list of famous, though all-but-retired, drivers. Le Mans is the one race for which drivers will happily leave their pipe and slippers behind, so Brundle, 38, leads a formidable line-up that includes Mario Andretti, 40, Michele Alboreto, 40, Riccardo Patrese, 43, Derek Bell, 56, and Nelson Piquet, 44.

Celebrity challenge. Car 97

## Hill waiting restlessly for Arrows to take off

MICHAEL CALVIN



In Montreal

TWO men with conflicting yet coincidental agendas parted as another frantic working day drew to a close. Tom Walkinshaw headed for the airport, to subject his body to a sleepless weekend of transatlantic commuting. Damon Hill headed for the Portakabin that acted as a debriefing room, to focus his mind on the perennial problem of finishing a race for Arrows.

The cynics, lurking beside the Olympic rowing lake that borders the pitlane at the Gilles Villeneuve circuit in Montreal, were exultant. Even as Walkinshaw scurried to catch his overnight Air France flight to Paris, his nomadic weekend, flitting between Le Mans and the Canadian Grand Prix, was being touted as a telling symbol of a team with a warped sense of priorities.

Walkinshaw required six hours, and the small matter of £4.5 million, to convince Hill of the wisdom of offering Formula One's habitual underachievers the kudos of a world championship and the complementary qualities of a rigorously applied talent. The men are due to meet again, after the British Grand Prix next month, to discuss whether the relationship has any long-term viability.

Yet, on the eve of the most critical race of a troubled season, harsh commercial logic dictated that the needs of Arrows be balanced with the other constituent parts of Walkinshaw's TWR Group, which extends beyond Formula One and sports car racing to the British touring car championship and the world superbike championship.

Walkinshaw established his reputation at Le Mans, where, for a fevered 15-hour fragment of his weekend, he will oversee the fortunes of three Nissans and two Porsches. There is every chance that one will win but, at 9am tomorrow, he is committed to leaving by helicopter for Paris, and the first Concorde flight to New York. He will arrive in Montreal, to assist in final preparations for the grand prix, just as the fabled 24-hour race is finishing.

He has made the journey once already, having left Le Mans at 8am on Thursday to link up with Hill in Montreal, where, yesterday, he plummeted from an initially encouraging eighth to 17th on the provisional grid. The self-evident strain of such a schedule, which involves sleeping in the air and will cost an estimated £20,000 when fuel and private landing fees are taken into account, has bred a distinctive sense of humour.

The inevitable debate about such split loyalties was launched with a gentle half volley of a question. "What will give you greatest pleasure this weekend, a points finish for Damon or a win at Le Mans?" someone asked. "A night's sleep," Walkinshaw shot back, with a sly smile.

The underlying issue cannot be so easily dismissed, however. Though ultimate judgments are premature, Hill, who has yet to finish a race for Arrows, is in danger of mounting the least successful defence of a world championship. His



Arrows' poor reliability and lack of success continue to give Walkinshaw, left, and Hill plenty to think about

initial target, to pass Jody Scheckter's two-point total in 1980, testifies to the sudden restriction on his talents.

Walkinshaw is a winner by nature, and rejects any suggestion that his adoption of the lifestyle of a shuttle diplomat signifies a lack of commitment. "I can miss one qualifying session here without it being catastrophic," he said. Yet he is also acutely aware that Arrows have three races to convince Hill, whose one-year contract offers scope to listen to the overtures of rival teams, of the scale of their ambition.

"We spent a lot of money on Damon to give us a sense of

focus," he said. "Of course I'd like to keep him. It would be silly not to. It may become an issue of timing. I suspect he wants to make a decision on his future sooner rather than later. We have taken remedial action, but have got only a few weeks to address things. We have to see whether we can offer him the type of package that stacks up into something that can keep a world champion."

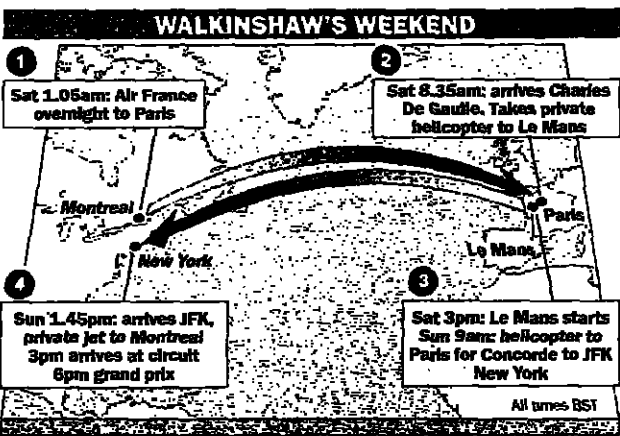
The central problem of reliability has involved exploiting the corporate embarrassment of Yamaha, who have been persuaded to take a more hands-on approach to engine development. The recruitment

of John Barnard, the design guru, as technical director has added weight to the three-year plan to create a credible championship-challenging team. Yet, in the short term, Hill's perspective has been changed brutally.

"It's not so much a case of Tom having to satisfy me," Hill said. "I have to satisfy myself. I want to see Arrows get what they want and, if the necessary ingredients are brought in to make that happen, I'll love to be a part of it. But I am a world champion and I am not going to under-estimate myself. I believe I'm capable of winning another title."

"Nigel Mansell was 39 when he won his championship, so I have three years on him. People forget that in many ways I'm a late developer. This is only my fifth season in heart and mind. Maybe, after ten years in the game, I'd find it very difficult to pack my bags and prepare for another time change; but, at the moment, I still get the buzz."

Such enthusiasm is genuine, but Hill is no naive idealist. If he looks at Walkinshaw and hears the gentle thud of a man falling between several stools, he will transfer his loyalties in an instant.



DETAILS FROM MONTREAL	
PRACTICE TIMES: 1. H-H Fienben (Ger, Williams-Renault) 1min 20.88sec. 2. O Fashola (N. Jordan-Peugeot) 1:20.41s. 3. J Villeneuve (Can, Williams-Renault) 1:20.55s. 4. A. Alais (Fr, Benetton-Renault) 1:20.62s. 5. O. Panis (Fr, Prost-Mugen-Honda) 1:20.72s. 6. J. Herbert (GB, Sauber) 1:20.81s. 7. R. Schumacher (Ger, Jordan-Peugeot) 1:20.83s. 8. E. Irvine (Ir, Ferrari) 1:20.87s. 9. M. Schumacher (Ger, Ferrari) 1:21.20s. 10. R. Barronello (Br, Stewart-Ford) 1:21.23s. 11. A. Wurz (Austria, Benetton-Renault) 1:21.31s. 12. M. Hakkinen (Fin, McLaren-Mercedes) 1:21.37s. 13. G. Morel (Bel, Sauber) 1:21.41s. 14. D. Coulthard (GB, McLaren-Mercedes) 1:21.46s. 15. P. Dineen (Ir, Arrows-Yamaha) 1:21.77s. 16. M. Salo (Fin, Tyrrell-Ford) 1:21.84s. 17. D. Hill (GB, Arrows-Yamaha) 1:22.45s. 18. J. Versapen (Hol, Tyrrell-Ford) 1:22.50s. 19. U. Kuyumcu (Turk, Minardi-Mazda) 1:22.70s. 20. S. Nakano (Jpn, Prost-Mugen-Honda) 1:22.82s. 21. J. Magnussen (Den, Stewart-Ford) 1:23.85s. 22. J. Trulli (It, Minardi-Mazda) 1:24.13s.	
CHAMPIONSHIP POSITIONS (after 26 races)	
DRIVERS: 1. Villeneuve 30pts. 2. M. Schumacher 27. 3. Panis 15. 4. Irvine 14. 5. Coulthard 11. 6. equal: G. Berger (Austria, Benetton-Renault), F. Montanari and Hakkinen 10. 9. Alais 7. 10. Barrichello 6. 11. Herbert 5. 12. equal: R. Schumacher and P. Fittipaldi 4. 14. Salo 2. 15. Larri 1.	
CONSTRUCTORS: 1. Ferrari 41. 2. Williams 27. 3. McLaren 21. 4. Benetton 17. 5. Prost 15. 6. Jordan 8. 7. equal: Stewart and Sauber 6. 9. Tyrrell 2.	
GRANDS PRIX TO COME: Tomorrow: Canadian (Montreal) June 28; French (Magny-Cours) July 12; British (Silverstone) July 27; German (Hockenheim) Aug 10; Hungarian (Hungaroring) Aug 24; Belgian (Spa-Francorchamps) Sept 7; Italian (Monza) Sept 21; Austrian (A1-Ring) Sept 28; Luxembourg (Nurburgring) Oct 12; Japanese (Suzuka) Oct 26; European (Nardis)	

## EQUESTRIANISM

### Law enjoys degree of success in dressage

BY JENNY MACARTHUR

UNUSUALLY, none of the riders at the Bingham International Horse Trials in Yorkshire yesterday disturbed the top five from the opening day of dressage on Thursday. Andrew Hoy, a member of Australia's gold medal-winning team at the Olympics Games last year, retains his 4.4pts lead ahead of Mark Todd, of New Zealand, as the competition enters the speed and endurance phase today.

Leslie Law, one of the longest riders for the Great Britain team for the European championships in September, was the only rider to achieve a score in the 40s yesterday. Riding the eight-year-old Perryfields George, on which he was third at Blair last year, Law finished on 48pts to go into joint sixth place. Jean Pierre Blanco, of France, was the best of the foreign riders and is ninth on Echo Hill.

Karen Dixon, on Too Smart, finished on 58pts and she now has to prove that Too Smart can hold a straight line over the difficult corner fences that punctuate the cross-country course today.

Hoy, who has had only one cross-country school on his horse, Swizzle 1, regards the straight route through the



Todd: retained second

water — fences 16 and 17 — as more difficult than the lake complex at Badminton last month. He intends to take the longer, slower route. Law, whose Perryfields George is one of the less experienced horses, is worried about the corner fences. "This is the horse's first three-star event and it's a serious three-star — he could easily have a run-out," he said.

Jamie Atkinson, 20, a student at Nottingham University, who leads the Yorkshire Post Young Riders championship on Salerosa, a former polo pony, regards several of the longer options as "more difficult" than the quick routes.

Andrew Nicholson, of New Zealand, was one of the few to greet the course with unqualified approval. "It's bigger than usual, but it has a nice inviting start — Mark Phillips [the course designer] has done a very good job," he said.

BRAMHAM INTERNATIONAL HORSE TRIALS: Positions after dressage: 1. Suzuki (A. Hoy, Aus) 37.0. 2. Broadcast News (M. Todd, NZ) 41.4. 3. Supreme Rock (P. Furness, GB) 43.0. 4. Positive Tune (J. Sun, GB) 45.0. 5. Walking on Water (M. Ryan, Aus) equal: 6. Walmi (M. O'Donnell, GB) 48.9. 7. Yorkshire Post Young Riders: Positions after dressage: 1. Salerosa (J. Atkinson) 51.4. 2. Quenlan (L. Weigert) 52.0. 3. W. Shaker (J. Robinson) 52.2. 4. Manhattan (M. Gandy, C. Tremore) 52.4. 5. Samartie (E. Macarthur) 52.8. 6. Overdue (M. Dumas) 58.2.

## FOOTBALL

### Gullit continues spending spree

BY RUSSELL KEMPSON AND DAVID MADDOCK

RUUD GULLIT, the Chelsea player-manager, made his second signing this week and fifth since the end of last season when he agreed a fee of £1.6 million for Bernard Lambourde, the Bordeaux central defender. It takes Gullit's spending this summer to £6.1 million.

Lambourde, 26, had helped Bordeaux to qualify for the UEFA Cup and still had three years to run on his contract. Frank Leboeuf, the France and Chelsea defender, alerted Gullit to Lambourde's availability. Chelsea's squad now includes 13 foreign players — from Russia, Romania,

France, Italy, Norway, Holland, Nigeria and Uruguay. On Wednesday Gullit brought in Ed de Goey, the Holland and Feyenoord goalkeeper, for £2.25 million.

Ian Rush, the Leeds United and former Wales striker, has been told that he can leave the club. George Graham, the Leeds manager, said: "If he wants to find another club, we will do all we can to help him. I have told him that I cannot guarantee him a first-team place." Rush, 35, who joined from Liverpool last summer, scored only three goals in 42 appearances for Leeds.

Blackburn Rovers' interest

in Stephane Henchoz, the Switzerland defender, from Hamburg became more acute yesterday after Colin Hendry, the Blackburn and Scotland central defender, told the club that he wants to leave.

Plymouth Argyle, of the Nationwide League second division, have been fined £30,000 for their part in a brawl during the match against Chesterfield in February. Two players from each side were sent off after the incident, with Ronnie Mauge, of Plymouth, having been dismissed earlier in the game. Chesterfield were fined £20,000.

### Reluctant Gibson admits defeat

MIDDLESBROUGH have conceded defeat in their efforts to overturn the three-point deduction that ultimately cost them their place in the FA Carling Premiership last season (Russell Kempson writes).

Steve Gibson, the Middlesbrough chairman, had threatened to take the matter further, after the club had lost its initial appeal, but yesterday he said: "The attempts of my club to be heard and to receive a balanced and fair hearing have been met with a mixture of arrogance, complacency, incompetence, negligence and self-interest."

### CYCLING

## Dangerfield goes on trial again

BY PETER BRYAN

STUART DANGERFIELD, who has taken a break from racing since winning the British 25 miles championship a fortnight ago, returns to competition tomorrow in the 374-mile international mountain time-trial that opens the Isle of Man cycling week.

Last year Dangerfield looked a certain winner until he failed to take the hairpin at Governor's Bridge, had to make a U-turn to get back on course and lost by nine seconds to Anthony Langella, of France.

The line-up tomorrow includes Andy Wilkinson, the triple competition record-hold-

er and British best all-rounder champion, and Keith Murray, the Army rider who recently set a new military world one-hour best of 46.267 kilometres in Manchester. He has won 15 events this year.

The late withdrawal by Germany leaves overseas opposition from French and Dutch teams.

The cycling week, with an entry of 500, ends next Friday with the 113-mile Manx international road race and the women's national road race championship. In the latter, Maria Lawrence defends her title alongside Anne Plant, the silver medal-winner last year.

Plant has urged that the distance of the title race be increased to two laps of the TT circuit (75 miles), but the organisers will not budge from one lap.

□ Jens Heppner, the German who rides for Telekom, won the fifth stage of the Critérium du Dauphiné yesterday, a 169-kilometre run from Cavailon to Digne-les-bains. Viacheslav Ekimov, of Russia, kept the overall leader's yellow jersey.

Heppner made his move 20 kilometres from the finish as he opened up a 50-second lead over Javier Pascual, of Spain, on the Corbin climb.

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Match peters out as Australians opt for batting practice



Briton aims to stick to straight and narrow to build on first-round lead in US Open

# Montgomerie kept waiting

FROM JOHN HOPKINS, GOLF CORRESPONDENT  
IN BETHESDA, MARYLAND

RAIN and the danger of lightning caused play in the 97th US Open to be suspended just before lunch yesterday. Only 12 players had completed their second rounds at Congressional Country Club when the klaxon was sounded to summon contestants in from the course. One was Peter Mitchell, the European Tour player, who had a 78, eight over par. It was Mitchell's first US Open and with a 36-hole aggregate of 153, 13 over par, he was certain to miss the cut.

At that point José María Olazábal was on the 10th tee. He was level par for his second round, one over in total, and six strokes behind Colin Montgomerie, the tournament leader, who had yet to start his second round. Nick Faldo, in the group behind Olazábal, had dropped strokes at the 2nd and the 12th but birdied the 8th. He was three over par and needed one

the second round and making his way to the putting green when the rain started, he would have wanted to maintain some of the impetus he had on Thursday.

"I am as happy playing in the US Open as Tiger Woods is playing the Masters," Montgomerie said after his 65. "This is a tournament where I am very, very comfortable. I tend to drive the ball as straight as anybody and that is a great advantage here. I left some strokes on the course but everybody did, I am sure. It is a very demanding golf course. There is no let-up. There is not one hole on the card that says birdie on it."

"My God, he is so straight," Ben Crenshaw said when watching Montgomerie on television in the locker-room. "That is one heck of a score on this golf course today. It is a truly great round of golf."

Through only eight men broke par on Thursday, the course was not as fearsomely long as had been predicted. How else to explain that Mark McNulty, one of the shortest hitters, lay fourth, and Hale Irwin, who is 52, lay tenth? "Straightness, that is the explanation," McNulty said. "We all know that if you hit the ball straight on to the green and have a few putts as possible, you're going to win the tournament. I mean that's logic. But everybody is going to hit rough at least once, twice, three or four times this week. It is how you manage yourself from there that counts."

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birdie to be sure he would make the cut. He has played all four rounds in all but one of the ten US Opens in which he has competed.

Tiger Woods had made virtually certain he would survive to the last two rounds of only his second major championship as a professional. He was level par with two holes remaining to be played. Hal Sutton, who was in second place, one stroke behind Montgomerie, and Mark McNulty, two strokes behind Montgomerie, were others who had not begun their second rounds. Darren Clarke, three over par after 18 holes, had slumped to six over after 23. Lee Westwood was two over par with ten holes of his second round still to be played.

The adventures and misadventures of John Daly continued. Daly, in his third tournament back since he was admitted to the Betty Ford Clinic for treatment for alcoholism, played nine holes of his second round and then withdrew from the event. He was three over par for his second round, ten strokes over par for the championship.

The reason for Daly's withdrawal was not known. "John gave no explanation and departed the golf course immediately," an official of the United States Golf Association, said. When Daly was seen in the clubhouse soon after he had left the course, he was sweating and pale.

The delay will not have helped Montgomerie as he attempts to win his first major championship after losing in play-offs at the 1994 US Open and the 1995 US PGA championships. After warming up for

And what about the 16th and 17th holes, 441 yards and 480 yards respectively? Montgomerie used an eight-iron for his second on the 16th and a seven-iron for his second on the 17th. Never let it be said again that he is not a long hitter. Never let yourself be taken in by his protestations: "I am not Tiger Woods, I am Colin Montgomerie." Here this week he has been hitting the ball further than ever. With play suspended at 11.51am, marshals directed spectators towards the clubhouse areas. Steve Forman, of Bethesda, refused to leave despite the dangers of lightning. "I've been here since 6.20 this morning," he said. "The only thing that is going to get me out of here is a hearse."



Woods, silhouetted on the 9th fringe yesterday, battles back into contention in the second round at Bethesda

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EARLY SCORES AFTER TWO ROUNDS

141: A. Gibson 72, 69, S. Dunlap 75, 66  
144: C. Parry (Aus) 70, 74  
145: P. Goydos 73, 72  
148: R. Black 76, 72, Lee Rinker 73, 75  
150: G. Nicklaus 73, 77  
151: M. Wiebe 71, 82  
152: R. Galt 80, 73, F. Luckner 71, 82, P. Mitchell (GB) 75, 78  
158: B. Tennyson 73, 80  
Withdrawn: J. Daly

COMPLETE FIRST-ROUND SCORES

65: C. Montgomerie (GB)  
66: H. Sutton, S. Shoker  
67: M. McNulty (Can), T. Lehman

68: H. Kase (Japan), D. Schreyer  
69: J. Sluman, J. Leonard  
70: M. Binsky, C. Parry, H. Irwin, D. Ogden, J. Kibbel, C. Parry (Aus), L. Mize, D. White  
71: S. Cink, M. Brooks, N. Price (Zim), T. Bom (Den), V. Singh (Fiji), R. Tway, S. Hoch, P. Teravainen, F. Luckner, M. Wiebe, P. Stewart, J. M. Chestnut (Sp), E. Els (SA), L. Mullace, O. Browne, F. Nobilo (NZ), L. Westwood (GB), S. Appleby (Aus), J. Morse, G. Towne, R. Wylie, S. Adams  
72: C. Rose, G. Waite (NZ), J. McGovern, T. Watson, L. Roberts, J. Cook, M. Reid, F. Zedler, K. Gibson, S. Jones, P. Azinger, N. Fokz (GB), L. Jansen, J. Parnell, S. Sael, B. Faron, E. Fvatt (GB), R. Garner, J. Ferenz

73: B. Crenshaw, J. Nicklaus, M. Calogachia, M. Hubert, D. Waldorf, F. Funk, S. Ames (Tin), R. Cochran, J. Haas, B. Langer (Ger), P. Goydos, S. McPhy, J. Maza, Lee Rinker, G. Nicklaus, R. Mast, P. J. Cowan, M. O'Meara, S. McCann, D. Clarke (GB), J. Maggert, R. Butcher  
74: S. Hart, A. Collart (GB), J. Estes, E. Brito, W. Porter, T. Woods, C. Pavin, L. Nelson, D. Trider, T. Toles, J. Funk, D. Duvall, K. Schell  
75: D. Hammond, K. Green, F. Cuyler, S. Norman (Aus), D. Love, P. Mickelson, P. McInerney (Ire), S. Elvington (Aus), W. Andrieu, C. Wolvenstein, B. Hamington (Ire), S. Murphy, S. Dunlap, T. Kile, P. Mitchell (GB), T. Noe, R. Allenby (Aus), P. Stanekowicz

B. Hughes (Aus), J. Green, P. Parker, M. Dawson  
76: I. Woonnam (GB), Larry Rinker, S. Simpson, K. Perry, R. Kearney, J. Pillar, D. Zinkon, R. Black, D. Stockton, R. Hunter  
77: L. Silvera, M. Bradley, D. Forsman, R. Bradley, M. Clark, J. Daly, G. Kraft, C. Smith, M. Swartz, P. Broadhurst (GB), M. Sposo, A. Aguilar  
78: D. Torres, G. Swell, K. Jones, G. Robinson, J. Samelsberger, K. Allenhol, B. Wayman  
79: C. Strangis, J. D. Blake, E. Humenik, M. Ozaki (Japan), B. Tennyson, R. Russell (GB)  
80: T. Tryba, R. Gurn, R. Gilder, M. Gogel  
81: M. Schene  
87: M. Martin, A. Morse

# Woods answers doubters with birdie barrage

John Hopkins watches as the Masters champion roars back into contention

Tiger Woods in a corner is not a concept with which we are familiar. Tiger triumphs. Tiger mania. Tiger terrific. These are the sort of headlines that have been commonplace in the ten months since he turned professional. So, his 74 in the first round of the US Open was a shock.

Conventional wisdom is that, after a bogey, you must hit back with a birdie, that a bad round must be followed by a good one to demonstrate character and courage.

Woods has not experienced travails like this, though he had finished 67th in his previous event. He had won every major championship he had played as a professional.

How would the Masters champion react to being nine strokes behind Colin Montgomerie, the leader, and to the danger of missing the cut, which would mean the end of his chase for the grand slam?

Like the champion he is, was the answer. Clad in a yellow shirt, he burst forth in the second round as if he could not wait to accept the challenge that he faced. Three birdies in five holes told their own story. Iron shots flew to within six feet of the flag on the 1st, six feet on the 2nd, three feet on the 5th and four feet on the 7th. His drive on the 6th was so long — well in excess of 300 yards — that he needed only an eight-iron to reach the green at a hole measuring 475 yards.

By then, he had repaired most of the previous day's damage. He was back to level par, well inside the predicted cut, and still had half a round during which to improve some more. He was on course for a 66, one stroke behind Montgomerie's record score of the first day.

However, whereas Montgomerie's round had been, according to Phil Mickelson, a playing partner, one of the finest displays of ball-striking that he had seen, Woods's comeback round was rugged, bursts of brilliance mixed with spells of ordinariness.

On the 9th and 11th, for example, he played poor strokes with a wedge, his ball ending at least 35 feet away. On the 13th, using an iron from the tee, he hit into the rough; on the 16th, again with a wedge, he chipped ten feet past the hole. He dropped shots at both holes.

There are no doubts that Woods has precocious talents, however. On the 10th, he demonstrated why his fellow professionals are in awe of him. His ball ended in a swale and the club that he used for his third stroke, which had to climb up a ridge to the edge of the green and almost come to a stop before gaining speed to roll down towards the flag, was a three-wood.



'His ball behaved as if on a piece of string'

Tom Lehman and Steve Jones, his playing partners, could scarcely believe the evidence of their eyes. Woods's ball behaved as if it was on a piece of string and drawn by a hidden hand inside the hole. It stopped two feet from the hole.

It was a lot less noisy than at the start of his first round. There were the usual cries of "Nice shooting, Tiger" as if he was in a rifle range and "Good job", but the stampedes down the sides of the fairways had gone. Perhaps it was too early, for Woods had set out at 7.40am.

He was standing on the 17th tee when the threat of lightning caused play to be suspended.

# Troubled Sampras falls to Bjorkman

BY JULIAN MUSCAT, TENNIS CORRESPONDENT

PETE SAMPRAS, the world No 1 and similarly seeded at the Stella Artois championships, was yesterday beaten in three sets by Jonas Bjorkman, of Sweden, in prolonging his recent sequence of poor results.

Previously a warm favourite to win his fourth Wimbledon men's singles title, Sampras appeared lethargic against Bjorkman's precise return of service. The American strolled to the first set, 6-3, but

disinterested halfway through the second set, but Bjorkman, who, unlike many of his compatriots, favours an attacking game — believed his opponent was committed throughout. "He was fighting at the end," Bjorkman, 27, said. "He broke me back near the end of the last set. I'm sure he wanted to get further than the quarter-finals."

Sampras's record at Queen's Club is poor, but the defeat still suggested that he is well short of his best for Wimbledon. He has now gone seven tournaments without reaching a final. Bjorkman, ranked No 24 in the world and yet to win a Tour event, described his vanquished opponent as "one of the best players in history."

"I felt good when I was 4-2 up [in the third set], but I had been there before against Pete," he said. "This time I just tried to put my shots in and hope, maybe, he will make the mistakes." Bjorkman faces Mark Philippoussis, of Australia, in the semi-finals today, while Greg Rusedski, of Britain, meets Goran Ivanisevic, of Croatia. Rusedski is the first Briton to advance this far in the 18-year history of the tournament.

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Sampras: lethargic

Bjorkman quickly assumed command to shatter his opponent's aura of invincibility on grass and take the next two 6-3, 6-4. It was the Swede's first triumph over Sampras in five meetings.

Sampras seemed almost

# Cowdrey — first lord of Lord's

John Woodcock welcomes the ennobling of an exceptional ambassador for cricket

anathema to Cowdrey, a former chairman of the International Cricket Council. He himself was brought up on a very occasional but unmistakably pithy "you lucky little so-and-so," from such demigods as Keith Miller, Ray Lindwall or Fred Trueman.

Of Test cricketers who have been knighted there are, including Cowdrey, ten, all of whom were honoured when their playing days were finish-

ing or when they were over. The three famous West Indians "W's" for example, are to be found in *Wisden* today as Sir Clyde Walcott, Sir Everton Weekes and Sir Frank Worrell. Worrell was dubbed when he was 40 (four years before he died), Walcott when he was 67 and Weekes when he was 70.

Sir Alec will be at the Test match at Lord's next week, as may Sir Richard and Sir Garfield: Alec Bedser, Rich-

ard Hadlee and Gary Sobers that is.

But for a games player of Colin Cowdrey's eminence to have been ennobled for what he has done for sport is, I think, unique. In the last century, the Lords Harris and Hawke both captained England; but theirs were hereditary titles. Lord Harris led England four times and Lord Hawke five. Lord Harris was a good enough batsman to score 33 and 36 against Australia at Melbourne and 52 against them at the Oval; Lord Hawke took two England sides to South Africa and reigned supreme over Yorkshire cricket for 40 years.



Cowdrey in his elegant prime as an England player

Like Cowdrey, Learie Constantine, another great cricketer, was first knighted and then raised to the peerage, but they were political honours. He became Sir Learie Constantine in 1962 as High Commissioner for Trinidad and Tobago in London and was created a life peer after being, at sometime or other, rector of St Andrews University, a member of the Race Relations Board and also of the Sports Council. Forty years ago this month Cowdrey helped Peter May add 411 for England's fourth wicket against West Indies at Edgbaston; this morning he is still there, battling for Britain.

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## My years tracking the world's craftiest criminal



Adam Worth

How the Rodney King riots and the Waco siege led our correspondent Ben Macintyre (right) to the man who was Moriarty

In 1992 I found myself in Los Angeles covering the grim aftermath of the Rodney King trial for *The Times*. One afternoon I drove to the headquarters of the Pinkerton's Detective Agency to explore its 19th-century archive and write a companion article about cops and robbers in a different, sepia-tinted age. The birthplace of American crime-fighting was also, I reckoned, about the safest place to be in a city still reeling from the riots.

The Pinkertons: the very name suggested gritty lawmen with comical facial hair and six-shooters. America's earliest detectives kept voluminous records. Here were details of the hunt for Butch Cassidy and the Sundance Kid, Jesse James, the Reno Gang: the best bad-guys of American folklore.

Here, too, as I picked up a stray newspaper clipping from 1902: was a name new to me, though the claims made by the writer were extravagant in the extreme. "Adam Worth, Greatest Thief of Modern Times: stole \$3,000,000", read the headlines. "This is the story of Adam Worth. If a fiction writer could conceive such a story, he might well hesitate to write it for fear of being accused of using the wildly improbable. The sober, cold technical judgment passed upon Adam Worth by the greatest thief-hunters of America and Great Britain is that he was the most remarkable, most successful and most dangerous professional criminal ever known."

That ragged piece of fading newsprint led me to another corner of the archive, where I found six chronological folders labelled "Worth", tied together

with string and bulging with photographs, letters, news clips and hundreds of memos by the Pinkerton detectives, each one written in meticulous copper-plate. The tale they told was astonishing: of a German-born American Jew who faked his own death in the Civil War, cleared a Boston bank of \$500,000, fled to Europe with a musical safe-opener called "Piano" Charley and a beautiful moll named Kitty Flynn; of a man who settled in Mayfair in the heart of Victorian London and ran a vast criminal network from Constantinople to San Francisco to Cape Town, while he lived the life of a rich Victorian gentleman complete with racehorses, yachts and lavish apartments; of a man who by day was virtue personified and by night was the blackest of sinners.

The Worth files told another, parallel story, of the portrait of Georgiana, Duchess of Devonshire, painted by Thomas Gainsborough about 1785, stolen by Worth in 1876 and kept by the crook in a false-bottomed trunk, a talisman of his villainy as he travelled the world for a quarter-century on his odyssey of theft, forgery and fraud.

The painting had led a most colourful existence even before the theft: it had vanished mysteriously at the end of the 18th century and then reappeared, with the legs amputated, in the cottage of a retired English schoolmistress in 1841, before being sold for 10,100 guineas in 1876, then the highest price ever paid for a painting, just two weeks before Worth filched it.

Worth was too clever to have written anything so revealing

as a memoir, but in 1893, nearing the end of his criminal career, he had contacted William Pinkerton, arguably the greatest of America's gum-shoe breed, and furnished a full account of his crimes, explaining that the time had come at last to surrender the Gainsborough. Pinkerton kept a verbatim report of the interview.

Reading Worth's 16-page confession exactly a century later, I could almost feel Worth's strange fixation with his stolen painting burning through the stained pages.

"The Lady must go home," he told the detective. The Gainsborough portrait was Worth's obsession. He was now mine.

Dazed, elated and tantalised, I emerged from the archive. The Pinkertons' evidence was vast yet incomplete. The gaps showed just how elusive Worth had been during his life of crime; in death, as I would discover over the next four years, he was just as slippery. According to Pinkerton, Worth had been

brought up in Boston and joined a New York regiment of the Union army at the outbreak of the Civil War. A call to the National Archives in Washington quickly ascertained that one Adam Worth, of the right age and correct regiment, had indeed fought, and officially died, for the Union. Worth's first recorded crime was as a "bounty-jumper", making a handsome living by repeatedly enlisting, accepting a cash payment for doing so and then deserting. His "death" at the Battle of Bull Run in 1862 was

only the first of a series of disappearing acts.

At the end of the war he drifted to New York and there the scent grew stronger. The New York public library and the NYPD archives furnished numerous contemporary accounts of his crimes and those of his shady colleagues, including the glamorous "Piano" Charley Bullard the sinister safe-expert, "Haron" Max Shimburn and Fredericka "Marm" Mandelbaum, New York's most famous, and fastest, fence.

My every free moment was now spent hunting Worth's remains. I visited the site of Sing Sing jail, where he was briefly incarcerated before escaping again, and walked the streets of Manhattan's "Bowery" where he held court with his underworld crew. Then I went to New Jersey, where Patterson Smith, the world's foremost crime-bibliophile has a house crammed to the rafters with crime books, ancient and modern. "Worth was the model

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# Anyone for bowls?

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2 Schlanser large glass bowl, £120, from Dickens & Jones, 224-244 Regent Street, W1 (0171-734 7070).

3 Candese blue bowl, £320 from Dickens & Jones, as before.

4 Wave bowl, £215, from Liberty, 214-220 Regent Street, W1 (0171-734 1234).

5 Twisted stem fruit bowl, £175, by Ben Dunnington from Liberty, as before.

6 Stopped fruit bowl, £59, by Stephen Newell from Newell Glass (0171-272 9341).

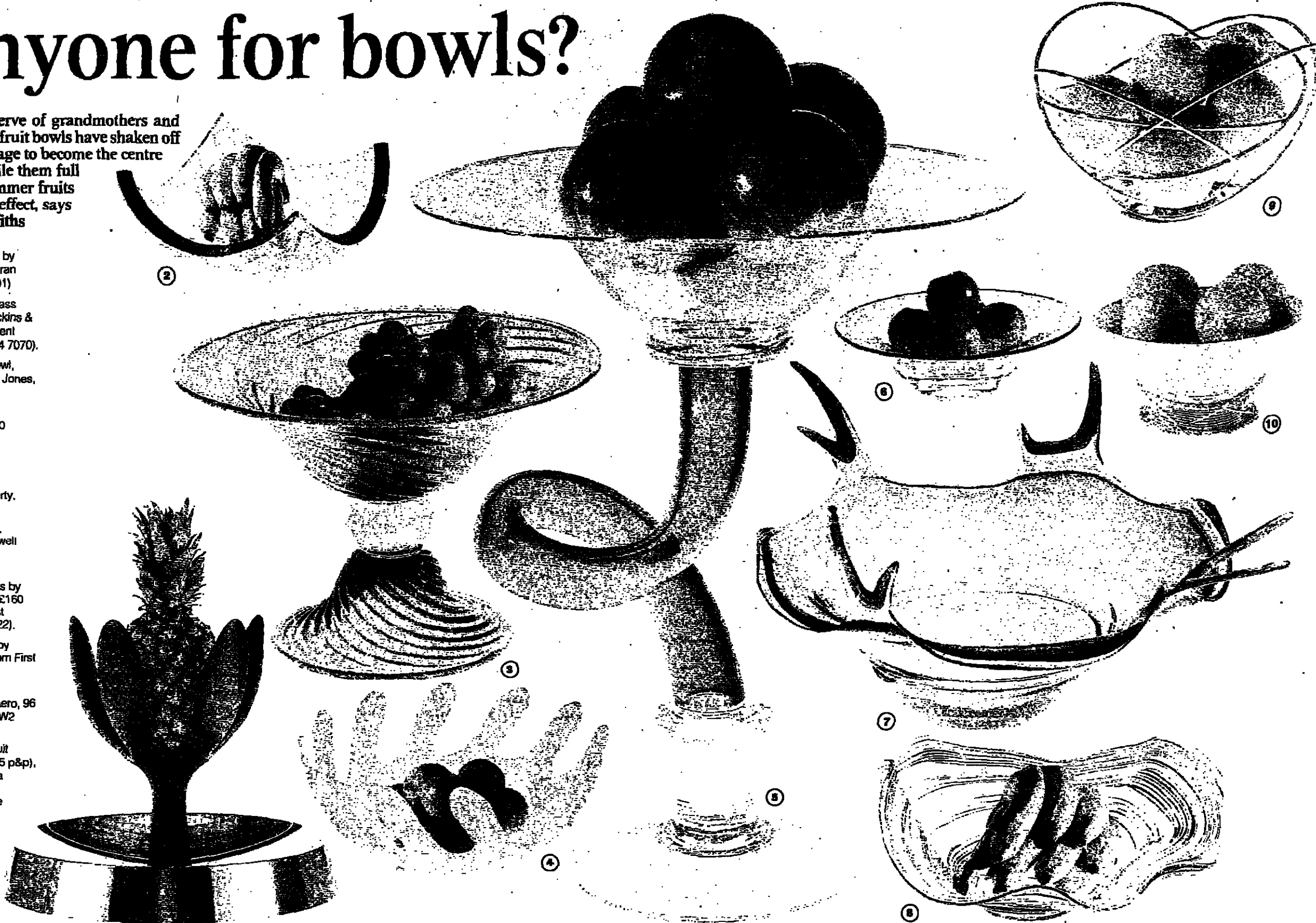
7 Wave bowl with fins by Albert Tatlock, from £160 (plus p&p), from First Glass (0171-622 3322).

8 Large ripple bowl by Bob Crooks, £94, from First Glass as before.

9 Pierson's wire fruit bowl, £37.95, from Aero, 96 Westbourne Grove, W2 (0181-871 4030).

10 Royal Salingor fruit bowl, £89.95 (plus £5 p&p), from Bettie Blue, 30a Park Road, Hale, Altrincham, Cheshire (0161-929 6676).

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for Professor Moriarty in the Sherlock Holmes stories, you know," said the encyclopaedic Mr Smith, opening up another rich seam. So I looked up the passage featuring Moriarty in *The Final Problem*, written by Sir Arthur Conan Doyle.

"He is the Napoleon of Crime, Watson. He is the organiser of half that is evil and of nearly all that is undetected in this great city... He sits motionless, like a spider at the centre of its web, but that web has a thousand radiations, and he knows well every quiver of each of them..."

Improbably enough, it was Worth's grandson who founded Pan American Airlines. The older generation of that family, Boston Brahmins of considerable wealth, were not one bit amused to be told that their forebear was a notorious bank robber, but the younger members were, and they had the crucial family portraits.

A holiday I took back in London became a hunt for fresh clues. Scotland Yard was enormously unhelpful. The Pinkerton's files contained numerous letters from the British detectives, but in the Yard's archives not a trace of Adam Worth, or Henry Raymond, his alias, remained. "We can't keep everything, dear. Been burnt, I expect," the Scotland Yard archivist explained.

Luckily, before the pyromaniac keepers of our cultural heritage had got to work, an American biographer of the Pinkerton dynasty had gained access to the British Worth title, leaving behind invaluable notes. Lloyd's shipping register soon identified his yacht, the *Shamrock*, a sleek 110ft beauty which, according to newspapers in the British Museum, had subsequently been sold to an English peer. I telephoned the peer's direct descendant: "Oh yes," said his lordship, "we have an oil painting of it somewhere."

**'Worth and I became sparring partners. But the facts of his existence became an adjunct to my own. I loathed him, wishing the ruthless little prig had got his comeuppance'**

I dragged my wife to 198 Piccadilly (now a branch of the Bradford & Bingley Building Society). Worth's operational HQ near Fortnum and Mason; then to his home off Clapham Common; then to the house where he died, penniless, in Camden; then to the unmarked grave in Highgate where he lies. She did not complain or if she did, in my one-track state, I did not hear. While tailing Worth, I also set off in pursuit of Georgiana, his painted duchess. The archives of Agnew's art gallery, into which Worth had broken on the night of May 25, 1876, in order, as he put it, to "elope" with Gainsborough's great painting, were packed with unexpected pearls: fragments of the canvas edge Worth had cut off and sent to the art dealer to prove he had taken it; a series of ransom notes in the criminal's hand, ending abruptly when he decided he could not part with the stolen treasure; dozens of letters from cranks and crooks claiming to have discovered the lost work by telepathic means or offering to return it for vast sums.

The sale of the painting had caused a sensation. The theft provoked another. The image of the duchess was reproduced on plates, biscuit tins and cheap prints, in marble busts and as a seaside amusement, with the face cut out, so that holiday-makers could peer through to have their photograph taken for a shilling. To my collection of Worthiana was now added a fast-growing stock of Georgiana-ana.

After a year of sleuthing, I had assembled a daunting mass of material. I had not yet, however, written a single word about the life of Worth. That opportunity was provided by David Koresh, a mad messianic cult leader who holed himself up in a compound in Waco, Texas, with about 70 followers and an enormous arsenal of weapons. The six-week siege, at Waco, Texas, to which I was dispatched, was one of the biggest news stories of the decade, but as the standoff dragged on the interest of the news desk waned, as did the attractions of the Doctor Pepper Muse-

um, Linda's Happy Time Tavern and McDonald's. By day we waited, sweatily, outside the cult compound. Trapped in the Day's Inn beside the Highway, night after night, enough sheer boredom set in to dismantle even my monumental writer's block. I suspect most biographers

develop an ambivalent, partially antagonistic relationship with their subjects. Worth and I became sparring partners. His life was in my hands; but the facts of his existence became, in some way, an adjunct to my own.

At times I loathed him, wishing the ruthless little prig had got his comeuppance, and wondering how I had fallen in with such detestable company. At others his hypocrisy seemed almost heroic. I found a character far more subtle, supple and complicated than merely that of an efficient thief. Worth did only bad, but in his warped Victorian psychology he clearly thought himself a good, even a virtuous man.

His relationship with the Gainsborough painting over 25 years was an emblem of his moral duality, at once his greatest prize and proof of his exclusion from the civilised society it represented. Worth held his minions in thrall. I feared I had become one.

Soon, I began boring complete strangers on aeroplanes with his tale. I scoured antiques fairs for more examples of the spread of the Gainsborough image. I pinned an enlarged reproduction of the portrait on the bedroom wall. My wife said it was chocolate-boxy and unsettling. I took it down.

As I tried to re-spin the web of Worth's life, its thousand

radiations seemed to grow ever more intricate and fantastic. A chance conversation with an authority on Henry James revealed that part of the story of the picture — its eventual sale to the American millionaire John Pierpont Morgan — had become the basis for James's last (and possibly worst) novel, *The Outcry*. Yet more oddly, a novelist named Rosamund de Zeer Marshall had turned parts of the story into a bodice-ripping romp in 1945. A year later it was made into a film starring Paulette Goddard.

At the end of 1995, with the book all but completed and my stint in New York over, we moved to France and I prepared nervously to dispatch

the manuscript to publishers. As I write from the Paris office of *The Times*, I can see across the Place de l'Opéra to the Grand Hôtel, where Worth ran an illegal gambling den in the 1870s.

I am still unsure whether I have been tailing Worth all this time, or whether he is shadowing me.

● The *Napoleon of Crime*, *The Life and Times of Adam Worth*, by Ben Macintyre (HarperCollins) is published on June 19. Times readers can order it for £15 in saving of £3 on the publisher's RRP of £18 by calling The Times Bookshop on 0900 334459.

● The film rights to the book have been optioned by Seven Spielberg's company DreamWorks SKG.

## GAINSBOROUGH'S DUCHESS OF DEVONSHIRE COMES FULL CIRCLE



John Pierpont Morgan and his last surviving grandchild, Mabel Sutherland Ingalls. The painting stayed in the family until she died in 1993. In 1994 it returned to England again and was sold at Sotheby's to the present duke, under the auspices of the Chatsworth House Trust, for £265,500



Morland Agnew. Shortly afterwards, Agnew sold the painting for £30,000 (£1,613,440) to the American millionaire and art collector John Pierpont Morgan



Adam Worth. In 1901, after 25 years, Worth finally returned the painting. Morland Agnew, the son of William Agnew, went to America to bring it back to England



11th Duke of Devonshire. Today the 'Duchess' is displayed on an easel at Chatsworth. After two centuries she is in her rightful place at last



5th Duke of Devonshire. He was thought to have disposed of the portrait in 1791, when Georgiana felt pregnant to her lover, Charles Grey.



Charles Boothby Clapton. Was Boothby Clapton, a social climber nicknamed 'The Prince', the next owner? A close friend of the Devonshires, he committed suicide in 1800...



Sir Brooke Boothby. Or was it Sir Brooke? The poet, scholar and art collector lived at Ashbourne Hall, 20 miles from Chatsworth. He hit hard times in 1792 and had to sell many of his possessions



Anne Maginnis. No one knows how the 'Duchess' ended up in the cottage of this retired schoolmistress. In 1841, she sold the painting to the London art dealer John Bentley for 50 guineas (£2,345 today)



John Bentley. The actual price was thought to be far higher, but the rumour circulated that Bentley sold the painting on to the silk merchant and MP Wynn Ellis for about 90 guineas (£2,198)



Wynn Ellis. In 1875 Ellis died. On May 6, 1876, the 'Duchess' went up for sale with the auction house Christie, Manson & Woods. She was sold to the art dealer William Agnew for 10,100 guineas (£14,443)



William Agnew. The art dealer proudly displayed the painting in his gallery at 39 Old Bond Street. On May 25, 1876, Adam Worth broke in through a window with two of his gang, stole it and carried it around the world



Above: Georgiana, Duchess of Devonshire by Thomas Gainsborough

Around 1785 Gainsborough painted this celebrated portrait of the famous Duchess, stolen by Adam Worth in 1876. Whether on completion the painting ever actually hung in the dual home of Chatsworth is unrecorded. But the story of how it finally took up residence there in 1994 spans over 200 years of intrigue, mystery and crime. To follow it yourself, start with the 5th Duke (top) and work your way clockwise around the page.

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# Tune in to a black & white set

Classic monochrome swimsuits - bikini and one-piece - are back with graphics, stripes and checks, says **Heath Brown**

**B**lack and white magic has cast its spell once again, this time on swimwear. From designer ranges to high-street stores the tide is turning on ultra-bright florals and tropical designs. The classic black and white swimsuit is back.

"Prints and colours come and go but there is nothing more flattering than black and white," says Lou Madge, the swimwear buyer at Fenwick. "This season there are fewer florals and lots of graphic stripes, zigzags and checks."

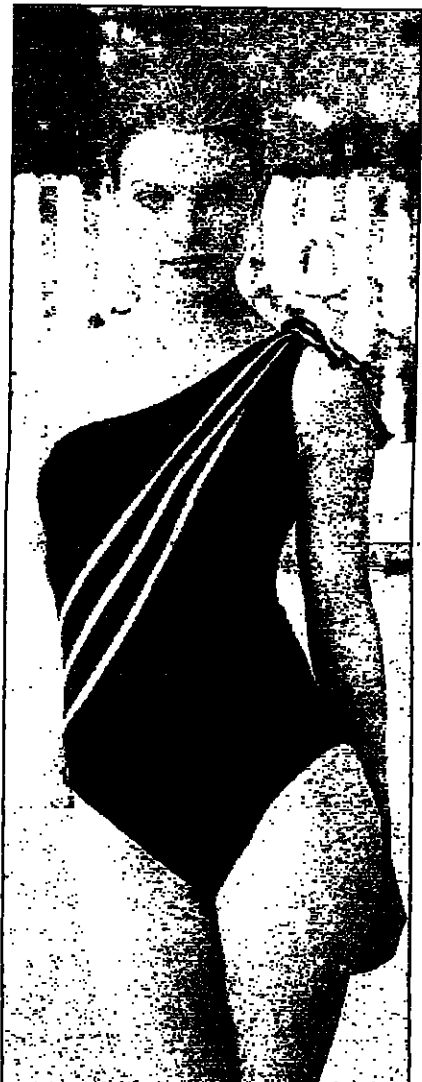
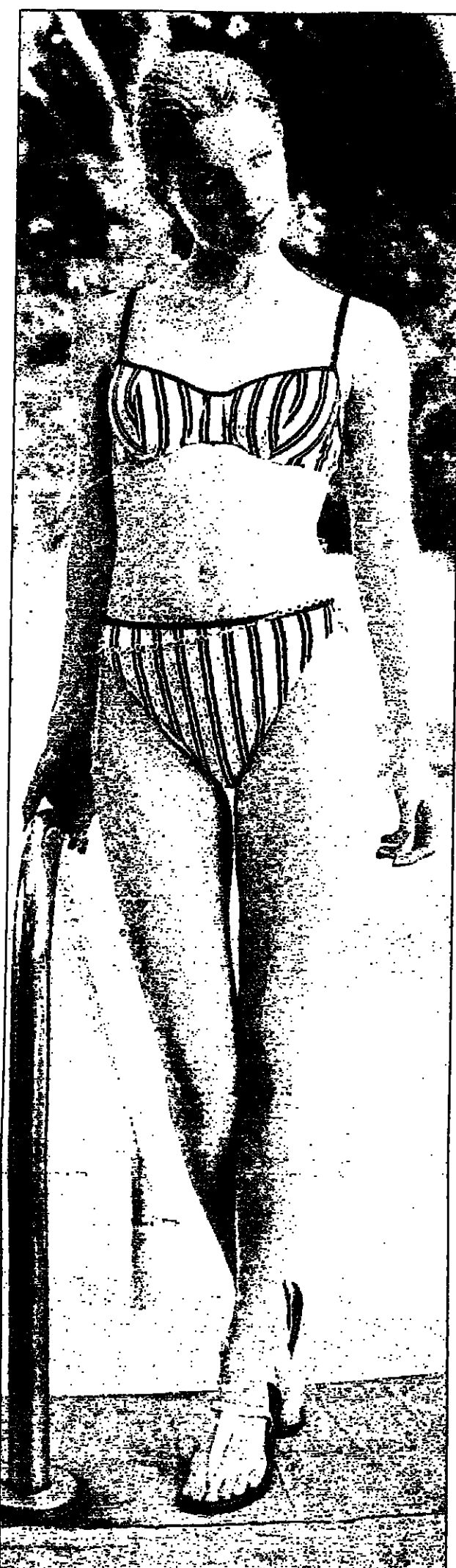
Because monochrome is so flattering, any body shape will look good in one. If you have a regular, pear-shaped figure, a one-piece with a plain, black bottom and patterned top will detract attention from a large bottom, or if you have a large chest, the reverse effect can help. There are swimsuits specifically designed to enhance or minimise the bust with underwiring or seamed Lycra panelling. Gortex even has a range which includes a bra within the costume.

To create an hourglass shape, wear a halterneck costume with a cut-out waistline or slashes, or go for a bikini in a bold black-and-white stripe or graphic pattern.

Baywatch-style high-cut costumes cut above the hip-line can look tacky on a leggy blonde but on small frames they add a sense of length to shorter legs.

If you are skinny, you will look more shapely in horizontal or all-over striping. Here, too, a high-cut swimsuit is recommended because bare, bony hips are better than covered ones.

The style for this summer, however, is the asymmetric one shoulder, one-piece swimsuit. A diagonal stripe across the chest can divert attention from very broad shoulders, but beware of an uneven asymmetrical tan.



**FAR LEFT:** Asymmetric tie-effect top suit, £99, Gideon Oberson, available at Fenwick, Bond Street, London W1 (0171-629 9161)

**LEFT:** Stripe bikini, £24.99, Hennes Beach Wear (0171-255 2031). White thong sandals, £15, Warehouse (0171-278 3491)

**ABOVE:** Check fine-strap suit, £42.50, Six, available at Fenwick, Bond Street, W1, and John Lewis, Oxford Street, W1 (0181-450 3066)

**TOP RIGHT:** Computer-print strapless suit, £110, Gortex, Selfridges, Oxford Street, W1. Stockists, 0171-584 2427

Photographs by Richard Burns  
Hair and make-up by Sally Kvallheim  
for Jo Hansford (0171-495 7774)  
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## THREE OF A KIND

SANDALS make a comeback this summer in updated versions that are cool and comfortable. Here are three of the best around. H.B.



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## Lawns: Stephen Anderton asks if we need them; Barbara Abbs on creating one



Box hedges with brick area and wooden arbour

# Why not cut out grass?

Couldn't we just manage without a lawn altogether? ask some people who have little time to look after the grass, particularly through a dry summer.

Well, I know that in drought years it's barely green, and in wet years it's a chore to cut. But a lawn — grass at least — is what vacant land reverts to in Britain if left to its own devices. It is nature's default mode. So it has to be a brave, conscious decision to get rid of it altogether. Sometimes, however, that's the best decision.

In very small gardens and urban courtyards, the wear and tear of feet would rapidly reduce even a shade-tolerant grass mixture to a compacted mess. Also, a tiny patch of lawn can look uncomfortably like a desperate measure — and no one wants a garden to look in any way desperate.

There are other benefits in not having a lawn. For the sake of a few square yards of grass, who wants the noise of even an electric mower? In a

small garden, why give up growing space to a shed for a mower, when a trowel and fork in the broom cupboard would otherwise be enough? What do you do with the grass clippings? And how do you stop them trampling indoors when it's wet?

More importantly, replacing grass with paving or gravel makes a small garden look bigger. Plants can flop more generously over the paving without playing Chicken to passing lawnmowers. And, because small town gardens generally sit in the shadow of buildings, the more lush you make the planting the more you can pretend to be relaxing a thousand miles up the Amazon. Taking tea under 8ft gunnera leaves in a town garden is delightfully absurd, with or without the pre-recorded cicadas and tree-frogs, and big foliage in small spaces really does work wonders.

But you have to be clear about what replacing a lawn entails. Well-laid paving can be almost maintenance-free, so long as it is not so shaded that it becomes slippery. And paving is expensive. Gravel, on the other hand, is a notorious seedbed for weeds and, in shady places, for moss. You could, of course, make a stylish gravel, moss and bamboo garden, but you might need weedkillers to maintain it (paraquat is relatively harmless to mosses).

In larger, more open, or rural gardens, replacing lawn with a hard surface becomes less easy. Grass is much the cheapest surface to lay over a large area and, in any case, to cover the same area with a sheet of paving could easily make your garden resemble a civic centre.

Gravel, or gravel with a



Town house garden with a silver-green themed planting and Japanese-style barbecue, designed by Barbara Hunt

little paving, is the most satisfactory option in large sunny spaces. It tends to be accompanied by Mediterranean plantings, which satisfies natural logic: if an open space remains dry and gravelly, the chances are it is hot.

In her garden at Colchester, Essex, Beth Chatto has turned a car parking space into a gravel "river bed" bordered by areas of drought-tolerant plants, which taper gradually down into the gravel itself. There are sedums and euphorbias, origanums, crabs, grasses and sea-hollies, all of which revel in her pitifully dry climate.

But would that look as happy in Oban, or Aberystwyth, where the rainfall is many times heavier? Probably not. There, more than ever, the vernacular surface of open space is grass. But why are we

supposed to feel so bad about grass these days? All right, so it's fairly labour-intensive (our problem) and uses non-pollitically correct fossil fuels to cut it

(the world's problem). It can be criticised as perverse or even futile to spend so much time chopping the tops off grasses. But where water is moderately plentiful, grass is the logical surface to lay for large, open areas.

This does not mean that people in the wetter west are denied modern designer gardens. Grass, just as much as gravel, can be as cleverly used to great effect, and it comes as no surprise to find that the architect Charles Jencks's extraordinary garden of sculptured turf banks is in drizzly Dumfriesshire, or that

Graeme Moore, who designs patterned grass parterres, lives in nearby Lanarkshire.

Grass does not have to be so terribly labour intensive, so

long as we learn to relax about it a little. To forget the quest for a plain emerald carpet which shows up every speck of vegetable fluff, and to settle for grass with a fine pattern of turf weeds, but which is none the less an expansive foil for flower gardening. The trouble is, just now, the

moral high ground is with gravel. Words say it all. In some eyes, "lawn" is for fascist mower-lovers shooting weed-killer from the hip; "turf" is for arty sculptors and the well-heeled; "meadow" is for romantics, and plain "grass..."



Garden with black and red path and sunken bed

**'Paving or gravel makes a garden look bigger'**

# Long live the great British lawn

The British lawn is not a recent fad, born with the 20th-century suburb. Turf for lawns was being sold in 13th-century London and in 1260 Albertus Magnus, in one of the first gardening books, was giving advice on how to produce a lawn that was "like a green doir". Illustrations from the period show workmen levelling bowling greens to a standard that would pass muster today. No wonder we are so deeply attached to our lawns and outraged when a water company suggests that we should concrete them over.

Although the popularity of the lawn has taken a knock or two in recent years — pebbles, flowering meadows or hard surfaces are seen as more labour-saving and unaffected by drought — there is still nothing to touch "grass kept fine and close". It refreshes the eye, frames the flower borders and provides a perfect surface for games, toddlers and al fresco meals.

Considerations such as these led Arnabel and Matthew Streets to create a back lawn at their home in Fulham, west London. Instead of resorting to maintenance-free paving slabs, a common choice for first-time garden owners who work long hours.

The Streets' small lawn was laid two years ago to replace an area of weeds and moss surrounding a decrepit pear tree. Because it was well into summer before work could begin, laying turf was the only option. Although expensive, turf can be laid at any time, provided it can be watered regularly, and the lawn used immediately.

Contractors cleared, fertilised and levelled the ground before top-quality turf was laid and rolled. Luckily there were no hosepipe bans in Fulham that summer, so late evening sprinkling was possible.

An alternative and much cheaper method is to sow seed, but this must be done in moist conditions in spring or autumn. The newly germinated grass cannot be walked on and

cutting has to be done with care. The advantage of seeding is that there is a seed mixture for every soil type or style of lawn: tough or fine, shady or sunny. There is even one called Lazy Lawn, which guarantees 50 per cent less mowing. A mixture that includes a deep-rooted rye will cope with drought better than older varieties. Today's family lawn mixtures contain fine leaved, dwarf ryes that are wear-tolerant and quick to establish.

Whether you seed or lay turf, thorough preparation of the ground is essential. Remove large stones and perennial weeds and add a layer of between 20cm (8in) and 30cm (12in) of good quality topsoil, with well-rotted organic material incorporated. With dry springs and summers, the deeper the topsoil and the greater the amount of organic matter the better. You cannot get a good lawn, even with expensive turf, if it is laid over a mixture of builder's rubble and badly drained subsoil.

Already the Streets have learnt some useful lessons. After two years of mowing, they wish they had chosen a simple rectangular shape that would have been quicker to cut, and they would recommend a strip of brick or stone edging to avoid the chore of trimming.

The grass looks green and luxuriant but dandelions and daisies have appeared, and drought and hosepipe bans seem imminent. They need to do more now than just mow regularly, but fortunately for them lawn care is big business.

Scientists are constantly working to make the creation of a velvet lawn easy and inevitable. No more pounding, scything or pouring boiling water over recalcitrant dandelions. There are rollers and aerators, mowers and scarifiers and a host of chemicals to make it easier to achieve the perfect sward. At the same time, the plethora of products is bewildering. There are many products to get rid of weeds and moss and the most widely available brands are effective.



Matthew and Annabel Streets decided a lawn was a must and laid turf

For gardeners like the Streets who have little time, Levington Gold Evergreen 4-in-1 Lawn Treatment contains weed and moss-killer plus quick and slow-release fertilisers. One application works all year. If there is time, perennial weeds such as dandelions, daisies and plantains can be dug out by hand, while annual weeds and coarse grasses are controlled by regular mowing.

If the season is dry, leave the grass fairly long, and cut little and often. Clippings can be left on the lawn as a mulch.

The Streets are lucky. Their lawn is sufficiently established for the turfs to have knitted and rooted into the topsoil, but not old enough to have used up all the nutrients, or for the soil to have become impacted.

Older lawns need regular feeding, annual spiking to allow air to the roots and raking to remove moss and other debris, and can be dramatically improved by adopting the practice of professional greenkeepers and groundsmen who regularly "overseed" their turf. Lawn restoration packs containing seed and fertiliser are widely available and are useful for repairing small bare patches as well.

First, the lawn should be scarified, using a mechanical scarifier or a spring-tined rake, debris removed and bare soil roughed up. Scatter the seed, rake the area again and then roll or tread the seed in lightly. If a long showery period is forecast, you can overseed through the summer until mid-October. If the weather remains dry, the overseeded area will

need watering daily. Grass that has suffered nearly always revives with the first rains, but that does not solve the problem of the summer-long brown lawn that looks like an African savannah. There is an answer: the enzyme that destroys chlorophyll in grasses and causes them to become brown has been identified and a new "green" gene patented.

By the Millennium, grass which remains green regardless of weather conditions, should be commercially available. Do not dig up the lawn yet.

British Seed Houses lawn seed is available from garden centres and includes mixtures for luxury, family, lazy, shaded and meadow lawns. Lawn restorer kits are sold with or without negrass.

Levington Gold Evergreen 4-in-1 Lawn Treatment is widely available.

## GARDEN ANSWERS

STEPHEN ANDERTON  
replies to readers' letters

Q At the end of March I planted a *Forsythia 'Minigold'* in a well-enriched hole and watered it with liquid fertiliser. After a week some leaves shrivelled and turned brown. I took this to be frost damage, and gave it some protection until the weather warmed up. The damage got worse and I went back to the nursery, only to find it had the same problem. Is this variety especially susceptible to frost, and should I plant a different one? New leaves are now beginning to break out lower down.  
— H.J. Bache, Leamington Spa, Warwickshire.

A Relax. The plants had probably been forced into growth too early, before the nursery bought them in. Nursery stock overwintered in polythene tunnels can become too advanced for its own good. It is forsythia's flowers, not leaves, which are frost-resistant. At least your plant is alive, and there should be no trouble next year. Another lesson here is not to give liquid feed too early in the year, since if it is accompanied by a sudden warm spell it can induce precocious growth before the frosts have gone. Liquid feeds are for summer, when growth is active. 'Minigold' is a form of *Forsythia ovata*, a Korean species of more compact and smaller habit than the common forsythias,

such as 'Lynwood Variety' and *F. suspensa*. It should only reach 5ft-7ft. But the mini-ness refers to the size of the flowers. *F. viridissima* 'Bronxensis' is under 4ft, but needs heat to flower well.

Q Last autumn I planted 50 lily of the valley corms, bought from a reputable grower. The plants reached their proper height and have clearly enjoyed being nurtured in compost, but the leaves are beginning to subside — and they have not produced any flowers.  
— L. Davidson, London W1.

A You say "compost". Are they in pots? My experience of lily of the valley is that it is slow to settle down to flowering from the purchased "pips", and dislikes wet, peaty composts. Plant them out in your garden, in ordinary garden soil, in part shade, with some lime added (they seem happiest on limey soil) and see what happens next year. Once they have settled down to flowering, you could lift and pot a few pips in autumn, in a soil-based compost or leafmould.

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The pool at Knighthayes Court with its geometric hedges

# Garden rooms with a view

OPEN THIS WEEKEND

Knighthayes, Tiverton, Devon (01884 253264).

Two miles N of Tiverton. Open daily 11am-5.30pm until Nov 2. £3.30, children £1.60. National Trust members free.

Recent changes give better views of the parkland as you arrive and hide the formal gardens, making them a delightful surprise as you round the corner of the Victorian sandstone house. The 12-acre formal garden is on a steeply sloping site below the house with exquisite views across the countryside. Terraces are planted with tree peonies, roses and herbaceous plants which step down to a pool and fountain, while a wide sweep of lawn continues the journey down the hill.

This garden melds into a 30-acre woodland with magnolias, azaleas, cornus, hydrangeas, conifers, beeches, oaks and limes, underplanted with foxgloves, cyclamen, blue omphalodes and pink erythroniums. There is also a series of yew garden rooms, one with battlement shapes cut into the yew enclosing a lily pond, another paved with two standard wisterias and a planting in pastel shades. The entrances to the garden rooms are having some Talbot hounds added and there is already a hunting scheme in topiary roaring along the top of one of the hedges. This was the work of Sir John and Lady Heathcoat-Amory who took over the garden in the 1930s.

One of the great attractions of Knighthayes is that it has had continual, dedicated care since the 1870s when the garden designer Edward Kemp first made the terraces in front of the house. That tradition is being maintained by the head gardener, Michael Hickson, who is arranging for 20 new trees a year to be planted for the next 50 years.

How Caple Court, Devon (01989 740626).

Ten miles southeast of Exeter on B4224. Open Mon-Sat 9.30am-5pm. Sun 10am-5pm. £2.50, children £1.25. Open evening tonight prices, £22, or £27 for a reserved seat; phone 01989 740626.

Here is a chance to admire a garden at night serenaded by *Madame Butterfly* while tucking into a picnic of your own making: a mini Glyndebourne, without the huge prices. But if you can't make it tonight the gardens are open until the end of October.

The site is high above the River Wye, with informal plantings of redwoods, metasequoia, limes, beech, the Atlas cedar (*Cedrus atlantica*), oak and shrubs extending the natural woodland that surrounds the gardens.

Although How Caple Court was mentioned in the Domesday book, the 11-acre garden is essentially Edwardian and was designed by Lennox B. Lee, the great-grandfather of the owner, Roger Lee, and his sister Georgina, who are restoring the gardens. The only major change since their great-grandfather's time is a border designed by Alan Bloom. The most ambitious part of the Lees' programme is giving the kiss of life to the Florentine water garden, which was so overgrown that, as children, the Lees knew it as "the jungle". They also hope to restore the yew topiary, central fountain and the huge wood and brick pillared pergola which ran around the four sides of the garden.

One of the highlights of the water garden is the cascade, which runs through several other parts of the garden.

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# The key to designing a computer garden

Stephen Anderton,  
with the help of  
design students, tries  
out an on-screen way  
to plan a garden

**H**ave you ever fancied getting out a drawing pad and pencil and re-designing your garden from scratch? You'll need lots of paper and a good imagination. But, better still, you can use a computer. There are CD packages around now for the amateur gardener with a home PC which will show how the garden you design will look on a plan, from a window, and even looking down as if from a helicopter.

I took half a dozen copies of *3D Garden Designer 3* to Writtle College at Chelmsford, Essex, to see what the landscape and garden design students would make of it. Their brief was to produce a small garden around a modern house on an irregular but level plot.

Getting started was easy enough. The package runs from a CD and the instructions, such as there are, come in a small booklet inside the CD case. The idea is that the process of working with the CD should be obvious, and it is to anyone at all used to simple computer graphics.

Instead of typing words on to a screen, you put on shapes and plants. There are "handles" to each shape, which allows you to move it, rotate it, alter the size, colour or texture.

The difference between such 3D amateur packages and professional garden design packages can be considerable: professional CAD packages (Computer Aided Design) present a blank screen on which you can accurately draw all kinds of complex 2D plans, and print them out to scale as working drawings. These packages start at about £90 and can cost many times as much.

The *3D Garden Designer 3* is an object-based package which allows you to arrange specific plants and buildings and paths on the screen, adjust them to your specification, and "tour" the result in 3D.

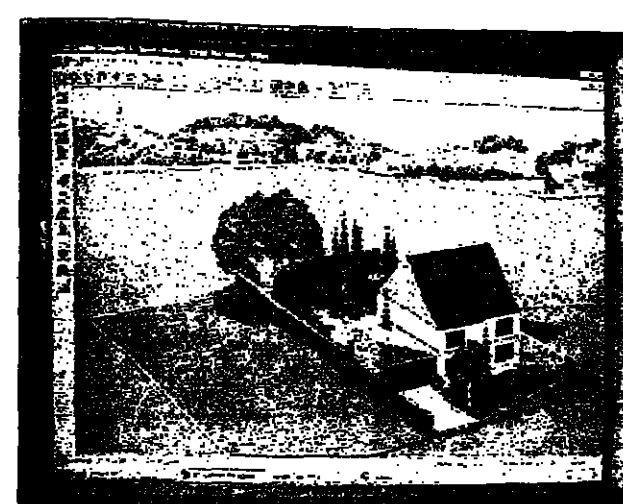
With this package, you can watch your "garden" flower and change colour through the passing seasons, or watch it grow through the years — even see where the shadows fall through the day. It even has sound effects and for £29.99 it's pretty amazing.

The six Writtle students who tried it were familiar with professional packages. They found the amateur one was easy enough to use, though they were faster at getting going than many people would be. As a techno-nerd, I found it all perfectly understandable, and rather fun.

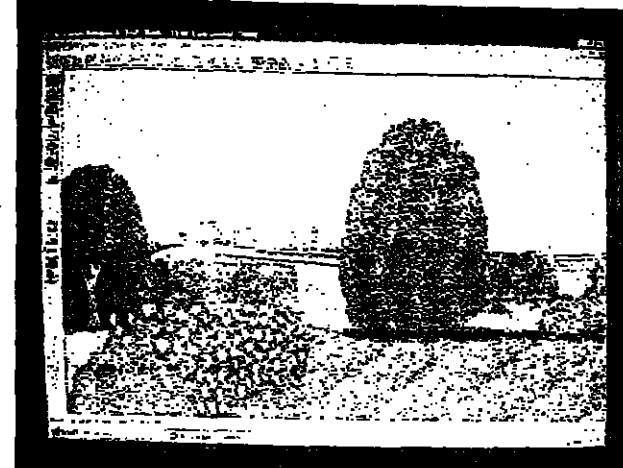
If there was a reservation, it was that the degree to which you could set out the



Landscape and garden design students at Writtle College, Chelmsford, Essex, try out the *3D Garden Designer 3* computer package



A computer-planned new garden as "seen from the air"



The graphics pack offers trees and plants of every kind

## A GARDEN AT THE TOUCH OF A BUTTON



**THE CD-Rom *3D Garden Designer 3*** is available through high-street computer and electrical outlets, also by mail order from the manufacturer, Europress, of Europa House, Adlington Park, Macclesfield SK10 4NP, for £29.99, plus £2.95 p&p.

**System requirements:** Minimum — PC486 DX4, 100, 8Mb Ram, SVGA, double-speed CD-Rom drive, SoundBlaster compatible sound card. Windows 95. Recommended: PC P100, 16Mb Ram, SVGA, quad speed CD-Rom drive, SoundBlaster compatible sound card, Windows 95.

colours and scents and textures, and the gamut of physical variables thrown up by climate and disease and time. The CD's printed results look professional and persuasive to a degree way beyond the horticultural substance of the package. It would still need a good gardener to refine a design from this package, and to make a good garden from it.

However, on screen the package offers a great opportunity to look at ideas for the basic spaces of a garden, to see how they feel, and how you might wish to colour

them in through the detailed planting. The man who would have really appreciated such a package, if it was better at curves, is Humphrey Repton, who followed Capability Brown as Britain's leading landscape designer at the end of the 18th century. His practice, when consulted on an improvement, was to draw up a Red Book for the garden, with before-and-after overlay paintings of his proposals for the garden, and an obsequious accompanying text.

But the designers of that day left much

of the planting detail, the flowers and shrubs, to the gardener. There was the vision only. And that is just where this package is useful: in looking at spaces and shapes and possibilities. A keen novice gardener would find it an entertaining way in to designing and planting his first garden, but an experienced gardener would find it useful only for playing with spaces and ideas. No way could you plan a subtle border colour scheme with this.

The package, in fact, features "a popular auto-designer" which claims to fill spaces with suitable plants but, like cheap wallpaper, it is pretty horrid. Still, for less than £30 it's not bad.

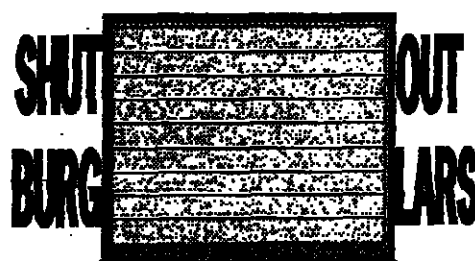
To me, who played his first computer game the same week, it seemed like fun. Not quite gardening, but fun: a game. It might be more fun if, having set up your virtual garden, you could then play "Chatterley" on the joystick, with Mellors roaring after Lady C through the shrubberies, or "Mollusc", perhaps, in which Mellors has to zap the terrible 40ft slug before it zaps him. Gardening might never be the same again.

## TECHNO GARDENING

For computer-owning gardeners, the *Plant Finder Reference Library 1997/98* is available on CD-Rom from the Plant Finder. FREEPOST. Lewes BN7 7ZZ at £25 Plus £1 p&p. It represents excellent value because the disk includes 12 databases, including The Plant Finder, Fruit and Veg Finder, Seed Search, Plant Photo Finder, National Trust and National Trust for Scotland Properties and Gardens Dictionary of Common Names, and Internet Directory for Botany.

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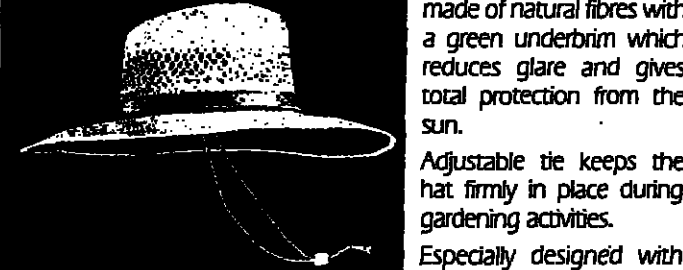
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# Good bugs, bad bugs, ugly bugs

It pays to know your allies in the war in the garden. Wise gardeners provide a welcoming habitat for beneficial insects

Spot something nasty in your woodpile or, worse, on your artichokes. But wait. Don't reach for your spray gun until you know what you're firing at. (And if you want to avoid the indiscriminate danger that even organic pesticides can cause, don't spray even then.)

This insect could be a ladybird in its larval form, when it looks very different to the lovable little beetle, the gardener's friend, that feasts on aphids. The larva has a tapering, segmented, blue-grey body and black and yellow markings.

"Ladybird larvae look like small reptiles," says Susan Maguire, chairman of the Chichester Organic Gardening Society. "They're lovely — they swarm over my artichokes and runner beans, eating all the blackfly." Mrs Maguire is one of 21,500 members of the Henry Doubleday Research Association (HDRA), a vital source of information and encouragement for any gardener wanting to work with beneficial insects. The HDRA runs organic gardens in Kent and Warwickshire, holds workshops, publishes books and leaflets, and, through its Organic Gardening Catalogue, sells plants to attract insects, biological controls such as predatory mites to control greenfly and blackfly in the greenhouse, parasitic wasps to attack whitefly, predatory mites to feed on the red spider mite and nematode worms to kill slugs.

With the HDRA's book, *Pests: How to Control Them on Fruit and Vegetables*, you will be better able to identify larval and pupal ladybirds. But the best way to spot another misunderstood and highly beneficial insect — the hoverfly, in all its 100 British species — is by its distinctive flying style. Val Porter, author of the *RSPCA Guide to Garden Wildlife*, says: "They dart away every now and then but quickly return to their beat, maintaining the same position like a helicopter over a shipwreck."

Continually swarmed at for its resemblance to wasps, the stingless hoverfly is harmless to humans, but Antlia the Hun to greenfly: one



Careful: Susan MacGuire

hoverfly larva can eat 50 of them a day. "We have hundreds of hoverflies and lacewings in our garden, the thing is not to be too tidy," says Mrs Maguire, echoing the official Henry Doubleday advice to those working with insects. Insect-minded gardeners are encouraged to leave dead leaves and hollow dead stems undisturbed for hibernating ladybirds; to ensure there are stones lying about to accommodate spiders; and to keep

a woodpile to attract hoverflies and scores of other invertebrates.

"I've let wild plants grow in my vegetable garden because they attract beneficial insects and I've created great piles of decaying wood," says Mrs Maguire. "Let the early beetles come in so the ladybirds have something to feed on. And we have a dry stone wall for beetles. I never discourage spiders as their webs catch insects which can do damage in greenhouses."

Mrs Maguire, a former ballet dancer, and her husband Peter, a retired civil engineer, have an acre of garden near Chichester, in West Sussex, which they have created on the site of a former dog kennels. She says: "There was virtually nothing here at all, just grass and a lot of concrete. Someone told me it would take seven years, but in the sixth the garden exploded with insects. I suppose I'd got the balance right by then. It's a mixed garden of fruit, vegetables and flowers. There is also a tennis lawn and we've planted a small wood."

"We learn to live with the odd pest. Three years ago, wasps attacked the fruit so I just hung up jam jars with jam and water inside, and that was sufficient, though I didn't like doing it."

Sometimes following the "untidy" path can attract unwanted



The familiar ladybird is a gardener's friend, devouring aphids — but the larvae look completely different

bugs, as Derek Sawyers, a member of Horsham Organic Gardeners, also in West Sussex, discovered. The woodlouse is one insect attracted by his heaps of dead wood. "And although they recycle-rotting material, they also chew cucumbers,

making them unsightly but still edible. But there's often a natural answer to such problems, and I find frogs clear up the woodlice. Slugs are not a battle either. I go out in March, as it begins to get warm, and just pick them up for a

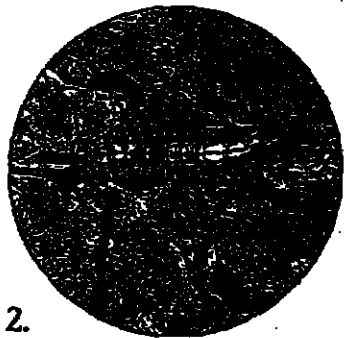
few days. If you're organic and have got a lot of decaying matter, they should prefer that to your green vegetables. And ground beetles seem to get the slugs I miss."

SUE CORBETT



1. Anthorcid bugs prey on aphids, capsid bugs, caterpillars, midges and scale insects. You can attract them by planting patches of nettles, and growing plenty of trees and hedgerows.

2. Centipedes prey on slugs. Attract them by mulches and leaving some areas of untidiness in the garden.



3. Ground beetles and rove beetles prey on slugs, root aphids and root fly larvae and eggs. Attract them with asters, buckwheat, buttercups, candytuft, *Convolvulus tricolor*, dill, fennel, hyssop, *Limnanthes douglasii* (poached egg plant), nettles, rudbeckia.



4. Lacewing larvae prey on aphids, beetles, caterpillars, leafhoppers, mites and scale insects. Adults feed on nectar. The best way to attract them is by planting Michaelmas daisies, mustard, nettles and yarrow. To make ideal winter quarters for

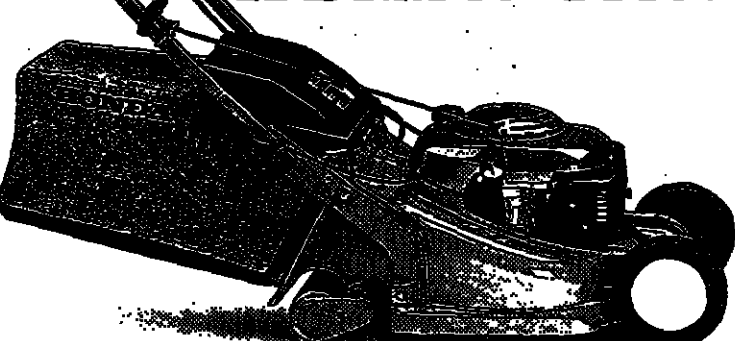


them, the HDRA recommends cutting off the base of a two-litre lemonade bottle, pushing a roll of corrugated cardboard inside and attaching it, open end downwards, to a tree or fence.

5. Ladybird larvae prey on aphids, mealy bugs, mites, scale insects and thrips. Attract them with nettles and plant debris.

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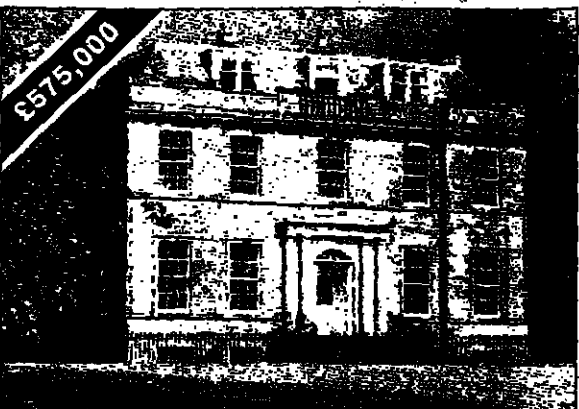


## HOMESWAP

What the same money will buy around the country



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CHERYL TAYLOR

## Enticed by the dolce vita

The British are rushing to buy homes in Italy again, thanks to the strength of the pound against the Italian lira which has kept prices low for British buyers. The domestic Italian market remains in the doldrums, so there are lots of properties and scope for investment. Properties on the Italian Riviera and around the famous lakes of Como and Garda are attracting renewed interest, as well as in the more familiar English stamping ground of Tuscany and rural Umbria, the "green heart" of Italy.

Steve Emmett of the specialist estate agent Brian A. French & Associates, says the property market in central Italy is particularly active. "Low prices and a strong pound mean British people can get more house for their money here, and the weather is warmer. Around half our clients are looking to settle permanently in Italy," he says.

The Chianti image of Tuscany and Umbria as an extension of Gloucestershire with grapes, has ensured a steady flow of wealthy Brits armed with power drills and boundless enthusiasm, willing to restore rustic stone ruins. However, the stock of ancient buildings in the region has not completely evaporated. Abandoned farmhouses, medieval cottages and even the occasional castle can still be found among the vineyards and terraced olive groves.

Property values in Tuscany and Umbria rose steeply in the late 1980s, but have since remained static. Now they are starting to edge upwards as increased demand puts pressure on supply. Prices vary, but generally the closer to Florence or Siena, the more expensive the property.

Expect to pay £250,000 for a habitable five-bedroom farmhouse amid olive terraces near Cortona, south of Florence, a beautiful Renaissance hill town. A similar house in its raw state might fetch £100,000 and cost another £80,000 to restore.

Rock bottom on the price chart in central Tuscany on the books of Brian A. French & Associates is a small apartment in a restored Renaissance building for £38,000. It is situated in the historic hill town of Sinalunga, with views over medieval rooftops and vine-clad hills. Close to Siena, a large unrestored stone

Britons are being lured back to Italy and are buying up old houses for renovation



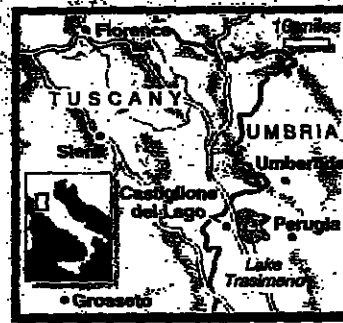
Farmhouse, medieval cottages and even castles can be found among the terraced olive groves

## IN SEARCH OF A ROMAN RUIN

RESTORATION costs in Italy are high, but many of the derelict old village houses have masses of character and potential. Renovation work must be approved in advance by the local authority and must also be carefully designed so as to blend in with the traditional architecture.

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When buying property in Italy, as elsewhere, it is important to engage a lawyer to protect your interests. It is common for homes to be jointly owned by



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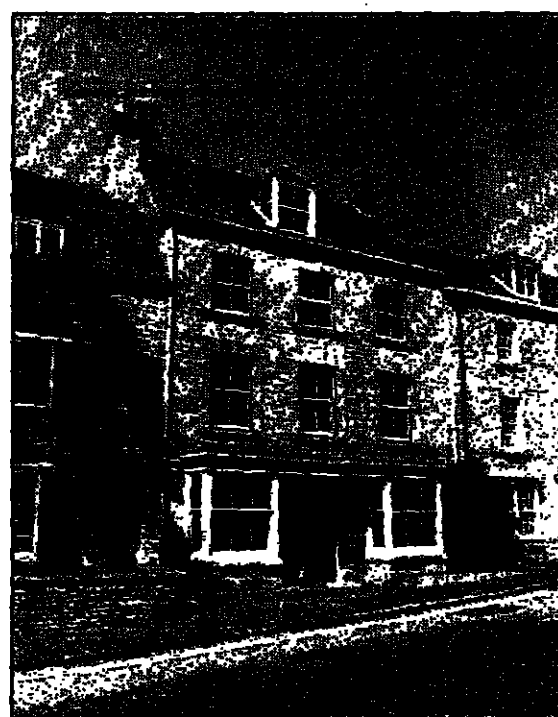
The same agent is asking £96,000 for a restored three-storey village house near Castiglione del Lago, with a roof terrace overlooking Lake Trasimeno, a popular area with a mild year-round climate. In the same area, £60,000 will buy a habitable townhouse with ten rooms, a garden and views over the countryside. The unmodernised version costs £24,000.

On the border of Tuscany and Umbria is the Upper Tiber Valley, rustic and unspoilt and famous for its wild boar and black truffles. Here you could buy a restored three-bedroom country house with a garden in a wooded valley near Umbertide for £58,000, or a habitable 15th-century 19-roomed Umbrian farmhouse on two floors, complete with watch towers and mountain views for £110,000.

Prices fall further south and east in Le Marche, where you could pick up a renovated three-storey three-bedroom farmhouse, with a few acres of olive trees, for £65,000. Or there is a complex of three tumbledown village houses, with fine views and fig trees but little else, for £10,000.

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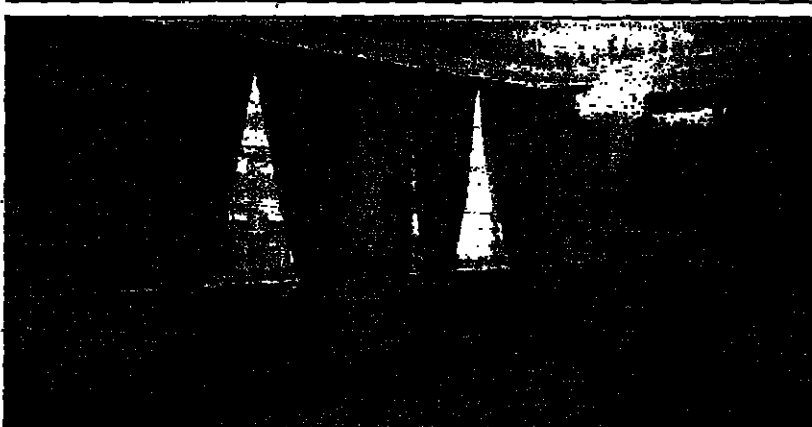
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# A phone box for a fish tank

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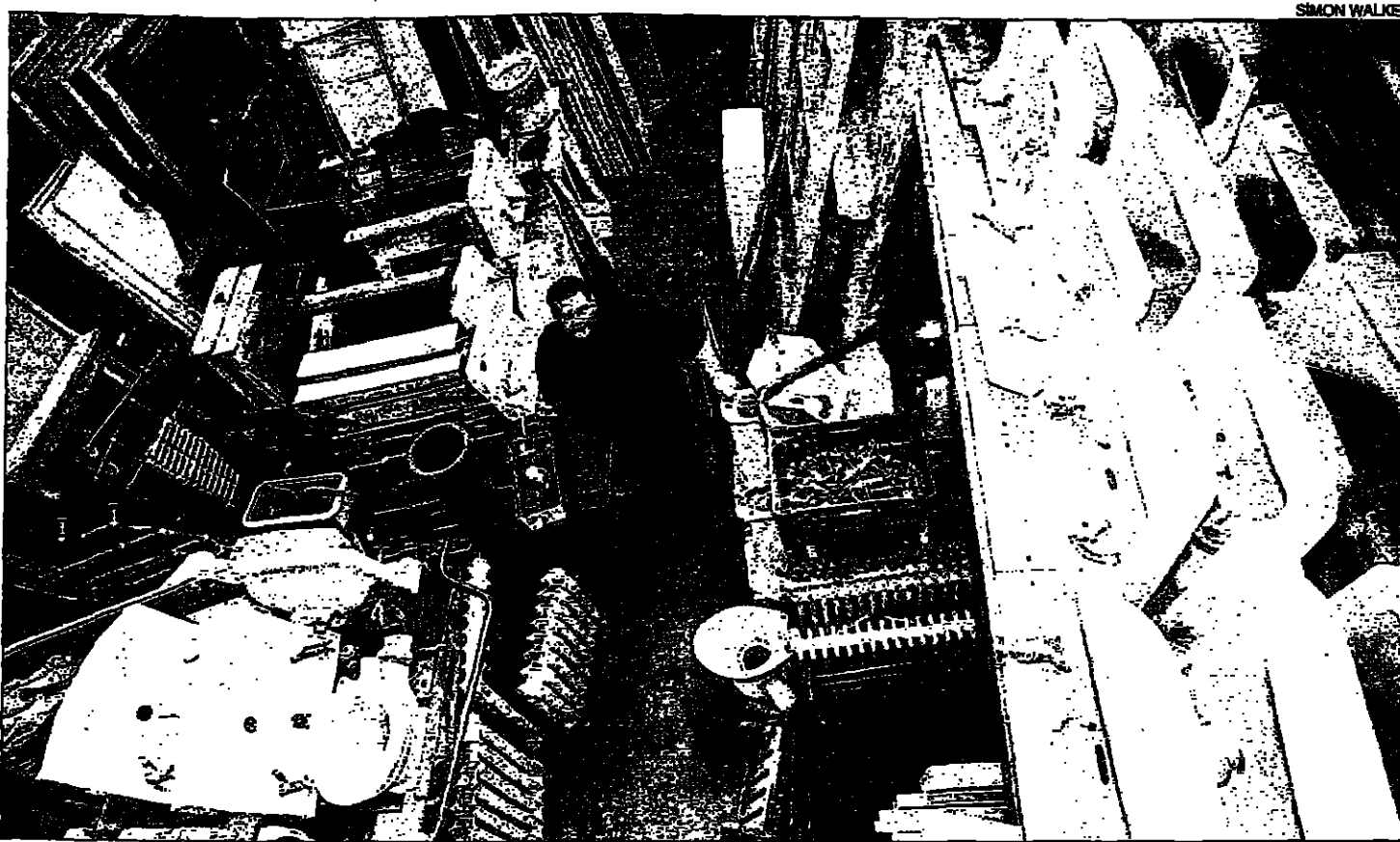
The first visit to an architectural salvage yard can be overwhelming — partly because it is strange to find familiar objects looking totally out of place. There are sinks without taps and taps without sinks, rows of radiators and piles of loos alongside red letterboxes.

Architectural salvage is becoming increasingly popular as a source of quality furniture and fittings that are hard to find or would cost a fortune elsewhere.

Barry Speed and Rod Philpin established the Architectural Salvage Centre in North London seven years ago. Barry says: "In the early 1980s Rod and I worked in the demolition trade. We used to chuck out marble fireplaces, rolltop bathtubs and cast iron radiators, then burn solid old doors and quality wood flooring. It was an environmental nightmare. About ten years ago more people became interested in restoring period features in their homes and we realised there was a market for the furniture and fittings we were ripping out. Now we pay to pull out the radiators, doors and floors they used to give us money to take away."

Barry has plenty of regular customers, including many architects and interior designers. Apart from doors, radiators and sinks he sells a wide range of unusual artefacts and receives many strange requests. He says: "We have sold oak and teak laboratory units for use as kitchen work benches, glass bricks for shower cubicles and a red telephone box for use as a fish tank. A fishmonger recently bought an old mortuary slab which he felt was the ideal worktop for displaying his oysters."

Some salvage yards specialise in products ranging from antique lighting to kitchenalia. If you are after a particular item or want details of salvage yards in your area contact Salvo. This company produces Salvo packs — regional guides to good salvage yards with information on their products. Nearly all salvage stores stock a good range of column radiators, doors and sinks and if you can see the potential through the dust and



Barry Speed at his architectural salvage yard in north London. "There is a huge market for the furniture and fittings we rip out"

flaking paint it is possible to buy stylish and affordable fittings.

A word of warning, however. Nearly everything for sale in a salvage yard is much heavier than it looks. Decide where you want radiators and bathtubs to be placed when they are delivered as they are hard to shift. Though Barry insists he has muscles of steel and this is essential in his trade, even he has had his problems. "On one occasion I was delivering a Royal Mail red letterbox and it weighed a ton," he says. "The customer assured me there would be people around to help get it into the house, but they had all disappeared when I arrived. In the end we left the mail box in the front garden and I saw it there six months later. Finally the owner had to tip it on its side because people had started posting letters in it."

## JOYCE BLAKE

● The Architectural Salvage Centre, 30-32 Stamford Road, London N1 (0171-923 0783). Walter Reclamation Architectural Antiques, 108 Walcot Street, Bath BA1 5BG (01225 444404). Salvo packs available from Salvo, Ford Woodhouse, Berwick-upon-Tweed, Northumberland TD15 2QF (01668 216444).

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### COLUMN RADIATORS

Most people will remember column radiators from school or hospital visits. Joyce Blake writes. In these settings they may have looked fairly utilitarian, but if they are repainted they can become a striking feature in a modern or period property.

Salvaged column radiators that have been sandblasted will range in price from £100-£200. This is about the same cost as a modern white panel radiator. Column radiators can be plumbed into a central heating system as simply as modern ones. If your plumber raises objections it is worth getting a second opinion. He may not be familiar with traditional radiators or cannot be bothered to handle them because they are extremely heavy.

It is possible to have radiators pressure tested for leaks at a cost of £10-£30 per radiator.

Most old radiators will need to be stripped and shotblasted to

remove the old paint. Nearly all salvage yards offer this service. Once the radiators are stripped, there are several options for paint or varnish finishes. The radiators could simply have a coat of clear lacquer and will then be the colour of gun metal — this finish is a good option for old radiators in a modern home. If you want a metallic bronze or gold finish use Ardenbrite which is suitable for radiators and does not inhibit the heat performance. For a paint finish use specialist radiator enamels which come in a variety of colours.

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### STYLISH SINKS

Chunky, porcelain Butler or Belfast sinks are another good buy from the salvage yard. These range from £20 for one with cracks or chips, suitable for garden plants, up to £60 for a sink in good condition. They are expensive to repair so find an undamaged one if you want to use it in a kitchen or bathroom.

### OPENING NEW DOORS

Most salvage yards will strip and wax doors. If you want to open up two rooms and would like dividing doors, find the doors before you make the hole.

There are often ornate, good quality dividing doors to be found at salvage yards but it is much easier to find the perfect doors if they don't need to be an exact size. Nowadays, a lot of salvage comes from closed down hospitals and institutions and the doors are far more substantial than most new ones.

For customers who are worried about security Mr Speed recommends the doors taken from psychiatric institutions. They are not particularly attractive but are made of pitch pine with solid reinforced glass and are virtually indestructible.

Salvage yards are also good places to buy old brass door handles and locks which cost little more than you would pay for new, thinner brass ones.

## PROPERTY PROFILE: SHROPSHIRE

A weekly look at the property market around Britain

Attractions: Shropshire is Housman country. Agents wax lyrical about the unspoilt countryside in the property hotspots of the Church Stretton, Wenlock, Bridgnorth triangle. Wenlock Edge and Long Mynd lure intrepid walkers; the splendid bridge across the Severn at Ironbridge draws crowds.

Also appealing is the county town, Shrewsbury, and Ludlow to the south, with its 11th-century castle which doubles as an open-air theatre during the summer Ludlow Festival. Good links to the M6 for Manchester and Birmingham and beyond, via the M54.

The market: Guy Bielby of Halls reckons prices have risen by 5 to 7 per cent this year, with shortages across the board. The market is warm rather than hot, according to Tim Jessop of Knight Frank, who cleared out his stock of houses at the beginning of the year and reckons there are three buyers for every prime property. There were signs of recovery last spring after prices fell between 20 and 30 per cent during the recession, says agent Cooper Green.

Expect to pay: Between £300,000 and £250,000 for a period four-bedroom farmhouse, according to Mr Bielby, or £250,000 to £350,000 if it has a large acreage; medium-sized country houses are going for £150,000 to £250,000 with particular shortages around Shrewsbury.

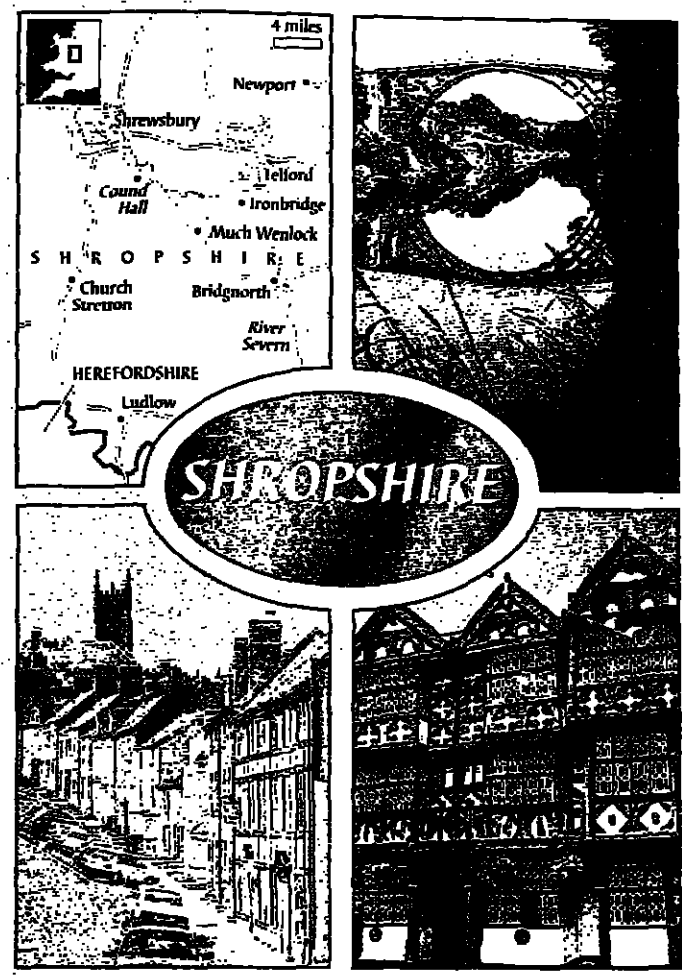
A three-bedroom cottage can still be picked up for £70,000, but can go for up to £150,000. Second home owners are firmly back in the market with strong demand from along the Welsh borders.

Major sales: Grade I listed Count Hall was the catch of the season last year. Six miles east of Shrewsbury, the Queen Anne house, reckoned to be one of the finest in the county, sold for close to the £775,000 guide price, despite needing complete restoration, through Knight Frank.

Outlook: Agents are cautiously optimistic. Good but not crazy is Mr Jessop's prediction, with a healthy outlook for buyers and sellers. Daphne Cadogan of Stacks Relocation reckons prices will continue to climb slowly and steadily and demand will exceed supply.

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**Rex O'Neal discusses the vanishing dialect with Natalie Schilling-Estes and Walt Wolfram; top, James Gaskill and son Morton**

**W**ithin decades, however, Ocracoke has attracted ever greater numbers of visitors to its sandy beaches, deep sea fishing and historical ties to piracy; Edward Teach, the notorious Blackbeard, died in the Battle of Ocracoke Inlet. Young islanders long ago recognised that the finan-

son, headmaster of the school, is expected to attend staff meetings two hours away across the Pamlico Sound. David Esham, owner of a local motel and a resolute brogue speaker, remembers a time when the island had the only mounted scout troop in the United States. Rex O'Neal, a carpenter and fisherman, recalls when locally brewed cornmeal wine in five-gallon flagons was the only alcohol available on Ocracoke.

"I'm not saying it's changed for the worse, but it was more peaceful in the old days," says Rex, the first of his 11 siblings to be born off the island. "It was a time when everybody helped their neighbours with anything they needed. A lot of that's left us now." The names of his ancestors and of Williams, Howard, Willis and Gaskins, litter the local cemetery. Many probably died in the turbulent waters known as the Graveyard of the Atlantic: a small neighbouring plot contains four British seamen whose ship, HMS Bedfordshire, was torpedoed in 1941.

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There, the donkey was examined by Dr Chris Proudman, a lecturer in equine soft tissue surgery. Diane was then anaesthetised and for half an hour Dr Proudman tried to deliver the foal normally. When it became apparent that no progress was being made, he decided to deliver the animal by Caesarean section. At this stage he and his team

The first 48 hours were crucial. Vet Cathy Walsh organised intensive care — lasting a week — in Tim's padded room. He was encouraged to suckle from a bottle and to stand on his own. Tim had been deprived of his mother's milk, which during

**M**iss Whilton says: "I was shocked when I first saw Tim. Although looking at him now you wouldn't think he'd been such a sick donkey but the vet and all the hospital staff have

He went home with his mother and sister when he was ten days old, and for the first week or so was bottle fed round the clock with a mare's milk replacer, a special powder

As Audrey will be fed from her mother for the next four months, Tim will have to be bottle fed six pints a day. The twins are now pretty evenly balanced in size. There is one difference, however. Audrey, having been born at home, is Welsh. Tim, being born at Leahurst, is English.

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'If you have a weakness for bad behaviour, maybe turning 40 — like the birthday card says — gives you the licence to indulge it'

## Spit-roast therapy for real men

LIFE AND SOUL



GINNY DOUGARY

Last week my husband decided to acknowledge his 40th birthday with a celebration of having got this far, rather than a wake for his faded youth. Forty people gathered in the garden to feast on a lamb weighing 40lb. There were no sly nods or winks to the passage of time, other than the usual mock-gloomy messages inscribed in jaunty greetings cards. "Congratulations... now you can legitimately have a mid-life crisis," read one, with the rueful coda "Join the club."

It was a lovely clear evening with that atmosphere of sultry expectancy which heralds the coming of a storm. At one end of the garden the air was heavy with jasmine and honeysuckle. At the other end there was the more primeval and faintly troubling sweet stink of burning flesh. The flayed lamb on its homemade spit looked rather too gruesomely like something which had once been alive — but it had been turned and cooked to perfection.

My husband had commandeered the

services of a didgeridoo player called Bear whom we had first heard, some months ago, at an exhibition of Aboriginal paintings. As he entertained our guests in his inimitably touchy-feely way, blowing down his gnarled wooden tube and blasting away at their ya-yas or chakras or whatever they are called, I was wandering down the garden bearing bowls of food when I noticed a tiny pair of feet wiggling delightedly.

These, it turned out, belonged to our youngest son. He was lying beside an American couple who had gatecrashed the party and were just about the only grown-ups who were sufficiently child-like, or trusting, to be "massaged" by our entertainer.

Later, I heard Bear inviting my husband and our boys to a kind of Iron-John-in-the-Home-Counties weekend — involving "diggers" and drumming and

ancient, father-and-son initiation rites. Not on your nelly, I thought; a sentiment which was fortunately shared by my husband. Bear would probably say that if men could only get in touch with their masculinity early on in life, they would not go completely doolally on turning 40. Is there any truth at all in this, I wonder? And, more to the point, how many men do you know who conform to this mythology?

Some men, I suspect, are a mid-life crisis waiting to happen. If you have got a

weakness for bad behaviour, maybe turning 40 — like the birthday card says — gives you the licence to indulge it. But even in our very widest circle of friends, I can only think of four men who have gone off the rails at the beckoning of the halfway mark. The two boozers — dumping the wife and kids in the middle of it all — "in the prime of life" — hitting the back straight. No more sleepless nights with young babies, no more worries about mortgages and launching a career. He feels that he can pursue his own interests in a quixotic way now, rather than fulfilling an agenda that has been set by

circumstances. Just as well that we are not both suffering from the *Weltschmerz*, I suppose. But if there is one thing more depressing than no longer being able to call yourself thirty-something, it is finding that you are married to a fortysomething.

My new old man is never happier than when he is at a party, and he loved his own. No wonder. For once our sons behaved like the angels they usually resemble only when they are asleep. The nine-year-old tinkered away melodiously at the piano until tiredness got the better of him, while his six-year-old brother was an indefatigable waiter, searching all night for "the man with the big nose" who had apparently ordered a Scottish beer. But the high point of the night for their father was roasting the lamb. He is still bubbling on about the atavistic pleasure of it — the suffusion of joy as you commune at the fireside in the spirit of your forefathers.

Forget Bear and Iron John: my husband has designs on becoming the guru of spit-roast therapy. You never know, it could catch on.



Three minus one: Jane Sadler with daughters Flo and Charlotte at their farmhouse in Buckinghamshire. "I can't bear the thought of Will taking over things I'm doing now"

## The challenge of living apart

Jane Sadler felt a mixture of emotional exhaustion and elation waving husband Will off on his boat 3Com in a force ten gale in Southampton harbour. It was the start of the BT Global Challenge yacht race and she was exhausted by the build-up to his departure and elated at what she saw as the adventure of living alone for a year.

"When I got home the phone rang and it was Will," she recalls. "I was absolutely livid and said, what are you doing ringing me? You've gone! I know it sounds unreasonable, but I'd mentally geared myself up to cope on my own."

The BT Global Challenge race is an extreme example of enforced separation, but many couples have to face living apart, usually through work commitments. For some, the strain of living separate lives can lead to a permanent split; others, like Jane and Will, are weathering the storm.

Dr Dennis Trent, a clinical psychologist, has researched the problems couples face by living separate lives — albeit temporarily. "The big problem is that in a relationship there is

How does a family survive when one of the parents has to go away for a long period because of work?

a symbiotic dependence," he says, "while the longer we're apart, the more we grow independent. As human beings we require extreme emotional intimacy with one person — someone we can expose our feelings to without fear of having them used against us. If that emotional intimacy is removed through separation — and it's very hard to keep it going over the phone — we look to transfer it to another person."

Sheila and Zahid Warley lived apart for seven years. They are now together in London with their son Joe, but before that, Sheila stayed at home in Newcastle with Joe and her two children, Robert and Katie from her first marriage, while Zahid worked for the BBC in London.

"At the time it was the right decision, because Robert and Katie were so settled at their schools and with their friends

— but I can't say it hasn't been difficult," says Sheila.

"It started off as just a temporary split, and I remember we had a big row before he went off. To me, he had a great life in London — seeing friends, eating out, having time to read — while I was coping with the mayhem of domestic life," Dr Trent says. "It's easy for resentment to build up because you idealise the other person's situation. What they're doing is unknown and therefore exciting, while you see yourself as the one with the problems. When you do get back together it's vital that couples realise it will take time to be vulnerable again, to drop your defences."

Jane Sadler has been apart from Will for the past ten months, living effectively the life of a single parent with seven-year-old Flo and 12-year-old Charlotte at their remote farmhouse in Bucking-

hamshire. During a visit to Will in New Zealand at Christmas their house was flooded and a lot of their furniture was ruined. She and the children had to live in a hotel for seven weeks surrounded by what could be salvaged, and then she had the trials of supervising the entire renovation of their old house and finding somewhere new to live. However, her worries lie not with the present but with the future.

"To be honest, this year has been a doddle — what's going to be really difficult is the year he gets back, while we all have to readjust," she says. "He's had the freedom of sailing on the boat with no family ties, and I've had the freedom of not being answerable to anyone."

For Sheila Warley, the moment of reconciliation could also be problematic. "At the weekends I would come home expecting a big fuss, while often the kids just said, 'Hi, Dad,' and carried on watching *Neighbours*. That was hard for him because I knew he was away. If we had a row at the weekend that was very difficult, because you don't then have the time to resolve the problem naturally."

When Will was offered the chance to take part in the yacht race, Jane says there was no discussion about whether he should go: "We both saw it as a great opportunity, and we have never been possessive about each other's lives."

Other couples have felt the strain more. Tracy Capstick almost immediately expressed how resentful she felt over husband Jim taking a year out of their lives to take part in the race. Elaine Calvin had the birth of her son induced so it could take place before husband Pete left to sail on his boat. She is now coping on her own until he returns.

Jane feels she has changed in the year Will has been away. "I feel I'm stronger and I know I can cope on my own," she says. "When you're one half of a couple you learn to keep your mouth shut on certain things. While he's away I don't have that restraint."

While still missing her husband, she has found lots of

benefits. "I have much more time for the children. When they get back from school I can spend time chatting with them and helping with homework," she says.

"I think we've also dealt with problems in a much calmer way because there are only the three of us. With a partner, tension develops because you're worrying what they think, and men are much more explosive when things go wrong. When you're a couple

and there's a problem with one of the kids the temptation is to pass it over and say, you talk to her. But now he's gone I can't shout and scream because I have to live with them all the time. It's almost as if we need each other more because Will isn't here."

Sheila Warley found separation, while causing problems, did add spice to her marriage. "I made several trips to London to stay with Zahid in his flat without the kids. That was great — like having an affair without the guilt. I was never sexually jealous — Zahid is a straight and honourable person, and we spoke on the phone every day. I think in fact

the separation has made our relationship stronger, but I wouldn't go back to living apart."

Jane and the children talk to Will several times a week through e-mail and faxes, and Jane has visited Will at all the ports of call — Rio, New Zealand and Cape Town. The last visit she made on her own.

"I found myself being quite reticent with Will when I visited him, because I didn't want to give too much away and be hurt. I am very emotional while Will is much more laid back. An enforced separation highlights what's wrong in your marriage, so it helps you work at avoiding those pitfalls. I long for him to come home but I am apprehensive. I can't bear the thought of him taking over things I'm doing because he feels he can do them better. We will have to be extremely tolerant of each other."

Dr Trent says: "It's vital to recognise the changes in each other and build on that, rather than feel threatened by a partner's new independence." Advice which will no doubt come in useful next month when the BT crew on the Global Challenge yachts sail back to what could be turbulent domestic waters.

DIANA APPEYARD

Ruth Gledhill joins pilgrims trekking through Britain

## He who would valiant be



THE pilgrims progressed down the aisle, some with walking sticks, some in boots. They were all shapes, ages and sizes. There was a faint air of bemusement about them, as if dazzled by a combination of blistering sunshine, a long walk through the Wiltshire countryside and endless church services on their rapid 20th-century pilgrimage from Rome or Canterbury to Londonderry.

The pilgrimage, by bus, train and on foot, was part of the celebrations marking the joint anniversaries of saints Augustine and Columba. I met up with them mid-stream, in Malmesbury, the oldest borough in England with an abbey that was once a thriving national centre of Benedictine Christianity.

We thanked God for the lives of the two saints, and prayed for His blessing on these modern pilgrims, before a reading from Peter, chapter 1. Our sermon, by the Rev Sidney Hinkes, a retired Anglican clergyman who is co-chairman of the ecumenical group, Churches Together in Malmesbury, was an apt warning to all with ambition.

Malmesbury was once the centre of Christian worship in ancient Wessex. The

town was named after the 7th-century hermit Maudulf and the Abbey was founded in 676 by Aldhelm, who became Bishop of Sherborne when the diocese was divided in 705.

To the dismay of all in Malmesbury, Salisbury was chosen as the new centre for the eastern half when the diocese was divided. Today, Malmesbury no longer even has its own bishop. The suffragan see was renamed Swindon in 1994. But Mr Hinkes described what happened as the townsfolk reacted to their diminishing importance in church life after the events of the 8th century.

"Learn what lessons you can from this place," he told the pilgrims, pointing out that there were Christians in Malmesbury before Augustine ever set foot on English soil. "Malmesbury never forgot and never forgave. All through the Middle Ages, Malmesbury had to prove that anything Salisbury could do, Malmesbury could do better. This included building a spire. Malmesbury had to have a taller spire than Salisbury, which you recall is the tallest in England. This pride led to a fall. The spire collapsed in 1480, destroying the abbey east of the wall. What remains is one-third of the ancient glory. The disastrous construction of that spire was an act of ecclesiastical rivalry."

He warned: "Brothers and sisters, we are still not free of ecclesiastical rivalry. Our denominations are still fiercely defensive of their status with the realm. For mission, a church needs unity." After prayers from members of the local evangelical King's Church, the Roman Catholic and the United Reformed church, the pilgrims seemed transformed from an exhausted body suffering from a surfeit of religion to a lively group with renewed enthusiasm for their progress.

● Malmesbury Abbey, Malmesbury, Wiltshire (01666 324226).

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Will Sadler, right, in port during the BT Global Challenge. He returns next month

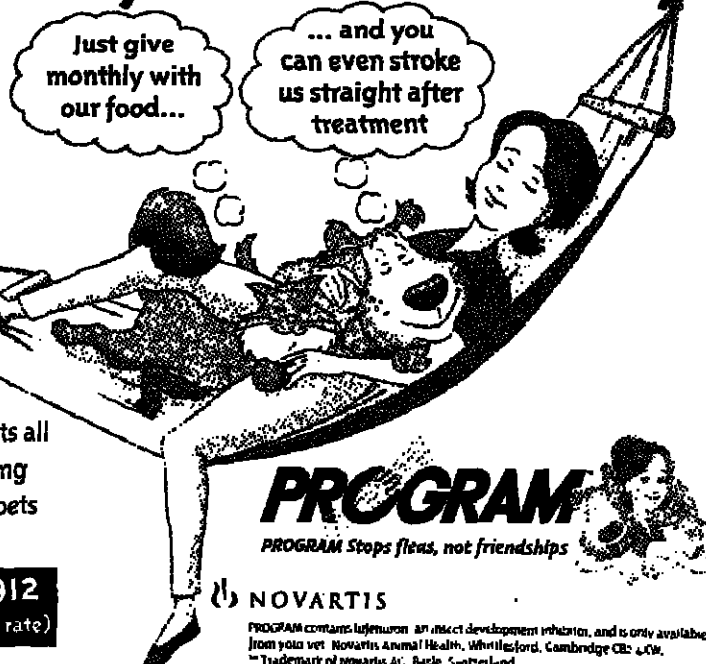
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What happened to the ancient – and efficient – art of scything? Put aside your noisy strimmers and mowers, and show your mettle

There follows an appeal to the old swingers among you. It comes with a health warning, but please read on.

It is the height of the grass-cutting season, when large proportions of the population trundle up and down their lawns trying to keep one step ahead of the grass.

The grass is, of course, trying to flower and set seed, and so is packed with protein and general goodness, which is why farmers will shortly be cutting their meadows with the intention of making hay. But most people make nothing but clippings, either by the use of a mower or a petrol-driven strimmer which whisks a nylon line at a deadly speed slaying everything before it.

Many years ago, when new to country life, I tried to lend my new strimmer to an old boy who was standing deep in a ditch, sickle in hand, slashing away at the lush growth which would otherwise choke the ditch.

I felt sorry for him, poor old man: on a pension, a humble sickle was all he could afford. And there I was in my comparative affluence with my shiny, new red strimmer. I might as well have offered

## Wanted: six razor-sharp swingers

the devil a clove of garlic. He and his sickle were a marriage of many years standing and he had no intention of being unfaithful with a flimsy little engine-driven thing. In my naivety, I thought this to be somewhat of a Luddite attitude, till I watched his progress and compared it with mine.

He had done ten yards while I was still pulling at the cord; he was another 20 yards further ahead by the time I was back from the garage with more petrol. He got plenty of exercise, and he did not return home deaf and choking from an afternoon spent with 100cc of best Japanese two-stroke stuffed up his earhole.

That was when I learnt the value of the properly designed and skilfully used hand tool, and I have been a devotee of them ever since. The greatest of the cutting tools is the scythe: fiendishly simple to look at, desperately difficult to master. The great 19th-century agriculturalist Henry Stephens offered a beautiful and precise description of the blade of a scythe when he called it "the curve of least exertion", by which he meant that the blade was shaped so as to require minimum effort for maximum effect.

Where I would part company with Stephens is use of the word "least" in association with the exertion. My early attempts to swing a scythe were sweaty, had-tempered affairs made bloody by cuts sustained in fumbling attempts to sharpen the blade.

It is easy for a beginner to imagine that one uses it with a slashing motion, beating the grass into submission. But watch an experienced scyther and you

will see him glide the blade through the grass, cutting it well down the stalk so that the blade of grass does not sense the blade coming towards it, and is taken by surprise. There is no flailing of the arms as in some Jane Fonda-style aerobic exercise, but rather a gentle swing from the hips that achieves the desired effect with the minimum effort, as Stephens described.

Which raises the question – are there any experienced scythers left? Any men or women who can grasp the snail, as the handle is called, and swish their way through a field of corn or a meadow of hay as was done season after season not many generations ago?

### DOWN TO EARTH



PAUL HEINEY

It will be held in the eastern counties in the early autumn and, in anticipation of your willingness to take part, any farmer has sown a small field of outstanding wheat. It will be this which you will be required to scythe, and your partner will have to bundle it into sheaves and tie it with a band of twisted straw in the old-fashioned manner. Somewhere, somehow, I shall find a judge who can assess the subtleties of this art, and there will be a prize. Possibly a free course of orthopaedic treatment

following the match. We are already fortunate in having a sponsor. In the once great steel-making city of Sheffield, Burdon & Ball is still making scythes using techniques that Victorians would recognise, because there is no better way to make them. Deceptively simple in appearance, a scythe needs to be set and tuned as carefully as any concert cello. There is the angle of the blade to consider, the position of the two handles, all needing to be adjusted to the height of the operator, and the sharpness of the blade, which needs honing to the point where surgeons would be fearful of it.

Burdon & Ball will supply the scythe some weeks in advance so that serious competitors can tune them to concert pitch. All we need now are the scythers.

You will get your leg pulled, and as you walk through your town or village they will shout "Old Father Time!" and "Here comes the grim reaper!" But you will be preserving a little bit of agricultural history and, I hope, having fun in the process.

We have corn enough for a maximum of six competitors. Any old or aspiring swingers out there should drop me a line without delay.

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PETER BROWN

## The new battle of Britain



Small airfields are too noisy, say locals. But fliers are keen to keep them going, says Eve-Ann Prentice

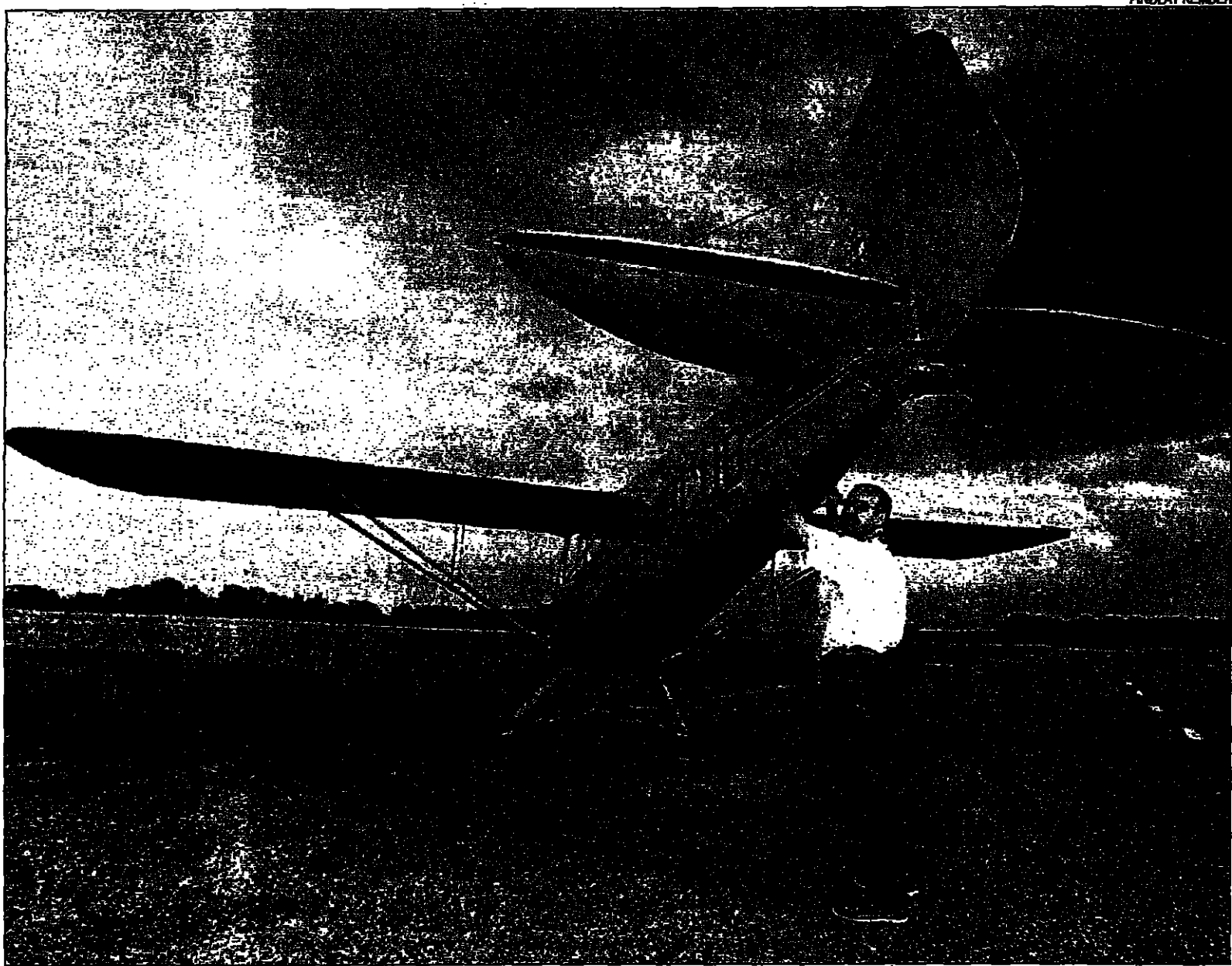
Among the rolling farmland of East Anglia, beneath the skies where much of the Battle of Britain was fought, a new conflict is taking place. The argument is between men – and women – in flying jackets, and villagers who say they cannot abide the noise of aircraft taking off and landing at rural airfields, shattering the peace.

Simmering resentments came to the boil after a local council approved planning guidelines which the pilots say are likely to become the blueprint for other authorities. According to national flying groups, the policy could lead to the closure of small airfields all over the country, some of which played a pivotal role in the Second World War.

The aviators accuse a small number of townies of moving to the countryside expecting to find a rural idyll, then failing to live and let live when the reality is not perfection. The issue is causing the sort of bitter divisions for which rural communities can be notorious, where the protagonists know one another and gossip can get the better of fact.

The aviators fall over themselves to put their side of the story. The villagers, however, including parish and district councillors, are reluctant to criticise their adversaries in public. In pubs and village shops, fighting talk runs along the lines of "I'd like to string them up", or "They think they own the earth, but they are a blasted nuisance". Yet about 20 of those who wrote to their planning authority vehemently protesting about the noise from rural airfields declared they had no comment to make on the record to *The Times*.

"I think you know how we feel, but it's all a bit touchy," said one protester. Another added: "It is all very strange;



Veteran pilot John Jordan (above left) thinks restrictions are ridiculous. Instructor Kevin Dennington, above, insists that noise complaints are taken seriously

There are a lot of undercurrents I do not intend to inflame the situation further. There are a lot of controversial words going around and it is very unpleasant."

The arguments are most heated in the picture-book villages surrounding Duxford, where the Imperial War Museum keeps its aircraft collection and which falls under the aegis of South Cambridgeshire District Council. The council has approved guidelines which will be used in future planning applications.

These include a ban on night flying, restricting the number of takeoffs and landings, banning takeoffs after 2pm on Sundays, and a ban on aircraft over 250 horse power – such as the Spitfire.

Although the policy will apply only to future planning applications, airfields that need to make minor changes to meet new safety regulations, for instance, may have to apply for planning permission. At that point the curbs would be imposed, aviation groups say.

John Jordan performed heroics at the end of the last war and now keeps a Stearman biplane at a grass airfield at Little Gransden on the Cambridgeshire-Bedfordshire border. Fifty years ago

he rescued a Polish general and his family from almost certain death at the hands of the Russians at the end of the Second World War, plucking them from a field near Pilsen in the former Czechoslovakia in an Anson aircraft.

"I think these plans are stupid and terribly sad," says Mr Jordan. "I have been flying for more than 55 years and can

"Eight million people watched air shows in this country last year. Those pilots had to learn to fly somewhere, often at a small airfield in the countryside. These draconian prohibitions will radically affect all light aviation within the council's jurisdiction and beyond when, as expected, they are adopted elsewhere. Norfolk has already expressed an interest in adopting a similar policy."

David Ogilvy, chairman of the Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association, claims his organisation is the main group fighting airfield closures and restrictions. "South Cambridgeshire has brought things to a peak but the problem exists all over the country. A lot of rural airfields have closed or are under threat of closure. We have lost about ten in the past five years and there are severe restraints on many others," he says.

David Hussell is at the centre of the storm. As Planning director of South Cambridgeshire District Council, he says he is trying to steer a middle course between irate locals and the aviators, who maintain that their businesses as well as recreation are at risk. "A lot of aircraft are based in our district and there are many Second World War

airfields. South Cambridgeshire is not against people enjoying themselves, but we have to balance this with what our residents say.

"Clearly, some residents have taken a very extreme view and that is ridiculous. Some aviators on the other hand will not accept any restrictions at all." Little Gransden airfield has become

"I have two Spitfires and these plans could put me out of business"

"These flyers think they own the earth, but they are a blasted nuisance"

the focus of especially heated debate. The airfield has a runway which forms the border between South Cambridgeshire and Huntingdon. It is also home to the Skyline school of flying and a separate business which renovates fighter aircraft from the Baltic states and former Soviet Union, employing 22 people.

Graham Bright, who runs Skyline, has provisional planning permission to run his business, and this is to be

reviewed in the autumn. He is unclear how the planning rules will affect his business and says: "We have bent over backwards to ensure we live in harmony with the locals." He points out that the school hosts charity fund-raising events and is teaching a disabled man to fly.

Kevin Dennington, a flying instructor at Bourn airfield near Cambridge and spokesman for the Rural Flying Club, says: "We have a very good relationship with our parish councillors and complaints are taken seriously. We go out of our way to avoid flying over villages."

Aviators in other East Anglian counties who fear the spread of the planning policy are less tactful. "I would like to drop a bomb on South Cambridgeshire council," says Clive Denney, whose Historic Flying Company renovates historic aircraft at Audley End aerodrome in Essex. "If you don't like aircraft, don't live near an airfield. I have two Spitfires and a Hurricane here and these plans could put me out of business."

"I have a superb relationship with the locals here and most complain if I don't overfly their homes."

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The gadwall drake croaks rather than quacks

## All in a flap at the pit

FEATHER REPORT

A SUMMER'S day by an old, disused gravel pit north of London produced plenty of bird pleasures last week.

It is a fairly marshy stretch of water now, with a mud-spit running into it from one of its leafy shores. In the middle there is also a small raft with a floor of pebbles, specially provided by local ornithologists, on which a common tern was sitting on a clutch of eggs. Its mate was perched on a post.

I had only just arrived when drama began. A heron came beating over the water, and instantly both terns flew up making sharp cries. They rose above the heron, then dived down on him again and again. He was not at all happy, flapping heavily to try to escape them. They were a brilliant sight with their flickering white wings, and they stayed with him till he was far away; then one came back swiftly to the nest while the other settled at the tip of the spit.

Even here it was aggressive. A redshank came stepping through the water on its long, red legs and gave itself a thorough washing. After a while, the tern had had enough of this. It flew at the redshank, who scampered off quickly.

I suspect the redshank had a mate on her nest somewhere in the vegetation. Indeed, several of the birds on the spit looked like idle males who were waiting for their young to hatch. There was a very somnolent shoveler, whose rich red flanks glowed in the sun, and there were two or three male gadwall.

The gadwall is a delightful duck which was introduced

into Britain in 1850. It is now well distributed and has been increasing in numbers. Neither sex has any dramatic features, but the drake is mainly soft grey with a distinctive black patch in front of the tail, and the duck can be distinguished from a female mallard by her orange beak. The drake also has a curious croak when it is alarmed – more yapping than quacking.

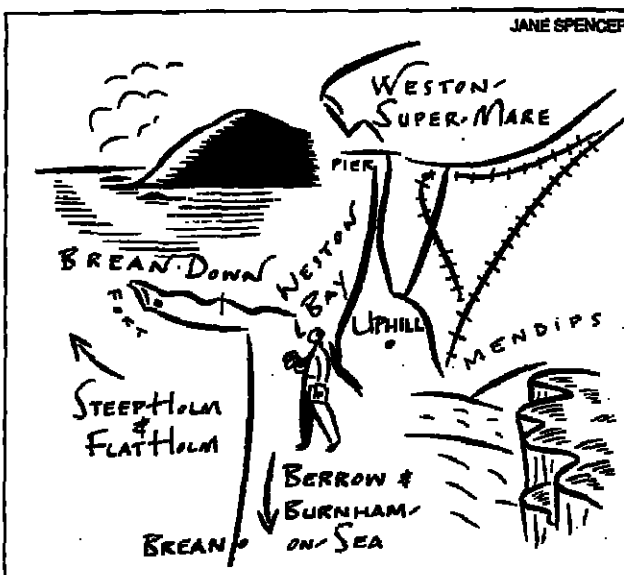
They are vegetarians, eating the juicy weeds underwater. Even the ducklings mostly eat weeds, unlike mallard ducklings, which eat insects off the water until they are fledged.

Coot were swimming about with their red-headed young, and a pied wagtail lopped over the water; then suddenly a pair of sharp brown wings went flashing up and down the spit like a flying star and dropped to reveal that they belonged to a little ringed plover.

This bird, too, may have had a mate on eggs somewhere among the plants in the dry middle of the spit. It is a pretty little plover, with a black-banded head, and is another species which has grown more common after introducing itself to Britain in the first summers after the Second World War.

DERWENT MAY

What's about – Birds: look out for noisy family parties of blue and great tits in gardens and woodlands. Twitchees: a great reed warbler at Newfield, Nottinghamshire; a long-billed dowitcher at Tickwell, Norfolk; a bee-eater at Crane Moor, Yorkshire. Details from Birdline (0891 700222). Calls cost 40p a minute, cheap rate, 50p at all other times.



The place: Brean Down, a steep-sided, former tidal island which reaches two miles out into the Bristol Channel, just south of Weston-super-Mare.

The view: The down cuts into an often mirror-flat sea at high tide, which becomes a glittering expanse of sand and mud at low tide. To the south lie miles of broad beach, flanked by sand dunes which are thick with brambles and sea grasses. Behind is caravan land. To the north, Weston Bay displays its splendid Grand Pier and rows of seaside hotels. Three miles out, in the middle of the Bristol Channel, are Brean Down's sister islands, the rocky slab of Flat Holm and Steep Holm, a rocky bird sanctuary. Beyond them, even South Wales is visible on a clear day. Inland, the Mendips stretch into the distance.

The appeal: When I was young, from my grandparents' caravan at its foot, Brean

### ON THE SPOT SOMERSET

Rural recommendations

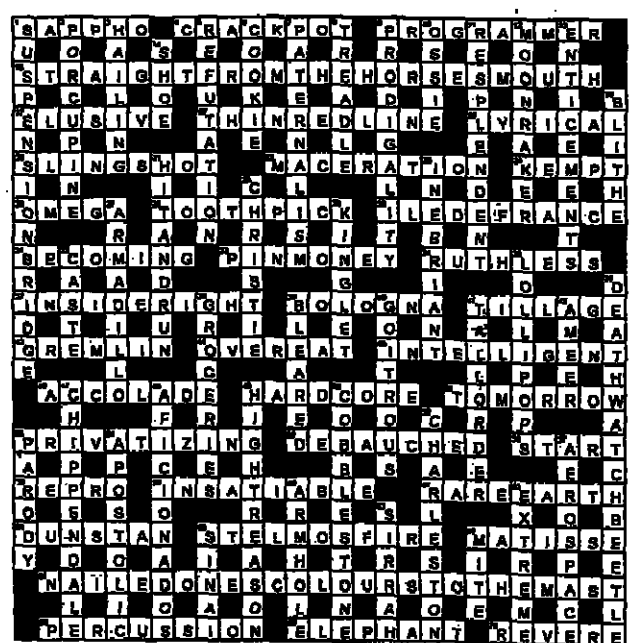
Down by night looked like a huge sleeping whale. In the day we often climbed to the top to look for butterflies. Historical interest: At the Down's seaward tip is a grey stone fort, which Palmerston had built in the 1860s, fearing the French might launch an attack up the Bristol Channel. To the east, there are signs of an Iron Age fort. The Down was also the site of a Roman temple and a Bronze Age burial ground. Aficionados: In summer, walkers and holidaymakers who have the energy to negotiate the Down's steep path. In winter, dedicated birdwatchers and the occasional locals walking their dogs.

Best time to visit: In spring the tides are at their most dramatic. Brean Down is rarely crowded, even in summer, as its undulating shape disguises the number of walkers on it.

How to get there: From Burnham-on-Sea, turn north along the coast road through Berrow to Brean. By train: Highbridge Station, two miles from Burnham-on-Sea.

OS reference: 200590 (Landranger 182) Also nearby: Five miles to the south is the small resort of Burnham-on-Sea, where children can enjoy donkey rides on the beach. There is also a regular market: Brent Knoll, a large hill rising out of the Somerset Levels, which offers wonderful views of North Devon: the Woolley Hole Caves and Cheddar Gorge are 30 minutes' drive by car.

BRIDGET HARRISON



THE WINNERS of the Jumbo Crossword were: W. Nunn of Potts Wood, Kent; Donald McKee of Kircubright, Scotland; D. Parks-Smith of Northwich, Cheshire; M. Curtis of Ashford, Kent; David Sweet of Clevedon, Somerset; Jean Vaughan of Stevenage, Hertfordshire.





A Harley Davidson around America

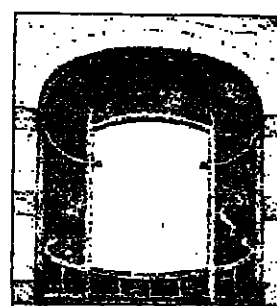
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Fishing boats hard at work in Chittagong display the dignity of the Bangladeshis. The lifestyle of those who live in the countryside or on the water is so beguiling that it is easy to forget the nation is one of the poorest in the world

Bangladesh is a tropical country guided by rivers. Tucked neatly into the crotch of Asia, it consists of silty lowlands squeezed between the jumbled states of east India and the western border of Myanmar. This is protean land, constantly reshaped by water rushing off the Himalayas towards the Bay of Bengal, and as much as 70 per cent is submerged at any one time. Famous only for being poor, 112 million people in a space the size of England and Wales make this the most densely populated country on earth.

Among the vibrant fertility of the flooded green fields lie clues to moments of past greatness as the eastern half of Bengal: shattered walls of labyrinthine 10th-century palaces and decaying 17th-century Mogul mosques. The British made the province the heart of their great Indian empire until 1912, when they shifted their capital across the country to Delhi. The apocalyptic famine of 1943 precipitated the collapse of Bengal, and at Partition in 1947 the eastern regions became East Pakistan and lost the majority of their Hindus. In 1971 the country won its independence and became Bangladesh.

There is no tourism in Bangladesh. There are also very few places to stay in the countryside, and as a result I was obliged to hop between towns — an unfortunate turn of events, as Bangladesh urban centres are squalid hell-holes, their buildings leprous with corrosion. To the Euro-

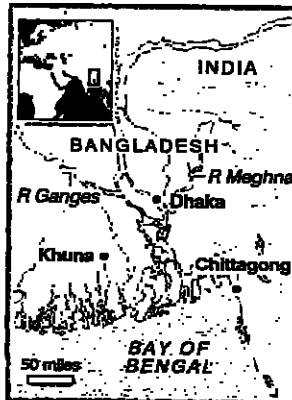
pean eye the narrow lanes have a medieval character, especially at night. Shrouded figures crouch beside flickering fires, candles gutter in sinking corners. A small crowd jostles around bunches of vegetables and an itinerant ear doctor cries for trade, a tray of brutal implements around his neck.

The streets of Dhaka, the capital, are choked with more than 100,000 elaborately painted cycle rickshaws. At night, kerosene lamps swing from the undercarriage. Train travel is easy (the only thing in Bangladesh that is), not least because Bangladesh Railways, conveniently known as BR, eschews the byzantine booking systems of India. Throughout the journey an obliging steward carries china cups of milky tea through the first-class carriage as the landscape beyond unravels.

Ubiquitous features of rural Bangladesh include emerald rice paddies, bushes garlanded with drying saris and fort-like villages raised on mounds against the monsoon. Women stoop in fields, men squat in tight groups, children totter under vast bales and bony oxen towing antediluvian ploughs are worried by ragged-tailed jackals. The countryside is so beguiling that I forgot I was in one of the poorest countries in the

world. In the villages, dignity clings tenaciously even to the most abject but the urban slums are mired in despair. The country's 158 tea estates are in the north east, the roads around them spotted with squads of pluckers — all women — walking to work with baskets on their backs. In this area, the Lawachara rainforest has miraculously escaped deforestation and there I found screaming langur monkeys among the mahogany trees as well as the blood-climbing gibbon.

## Sara Wheeler visits beguiling Bangladesh, where medieval poverty combines with a landscape of extreme beauty



Dhaka: parliament building

What I liked best in Bangladesh was sitting in a cane armchair on the deck of a Rocket paddle steamer as it chugged down the Meghna River while hundreds of small boats puttered past and anguished calls to prayer floated from the banks. Schools of dolphins leapt among the patched boats and pale mauve rafts of water hyacinth while river-borne gypsies tethered their boats alongside the coconut groves in search of customers for their herbal medicines. The magnificent

Rockets, their paddle wheels powered now by diesel engines, alas, travel four times a week between Dhaka and Khulna, a 24-hour trip. Chittagong, in the south east, is the second city and first port. (According to Ptolemy, in the 2nd century AD it was one of the finest ports in the East.) Bangladesh is the world capital of cheap labour, and nowhere is this more evident than in the shipbreaking yards outside Chittagong. There the clapped-out ships of the world converge so Bangladeshis can take them apart with blowtorches, hammers and brute force. Accompanied by banging, hissing and chants of the "all-together-now" variety, half-eaten ships like dinosaur skeletons sink into the mudflats of the Bay of Bengal.

In the extreme south east, 100 miles south of Chittagong, the beguiling name of Cox's Bazar belies the charmless aspect of the town itself, but the beach is allegedly the longest in the world. The Bangladesh coast is exposed to the Bay of Bengal, and in Cox's Bazar trucks patrol the streets issuing cyclone warnings from loudspeakers. The last cyclone killed 100,000 and a week later they were still hooking corpses out of trees. Nonetheless, Cox's

Bazar is the main holiday resort for middle-class Bangladeshis, all clamouring, when I appeared, to have their photograph taken with me.

Approaching the Ganges delta, the watery landscape embraces thatched huts on stilts and partially submerged water buffaloes. Villages eventually yield to the Sundarbans, a dense mangrove forest along the Bay of Bengal covering 2,300 square miles.

Out on the water, fishing vessels emerged from the dawn mist. In the lonely backwaters of the Sundarbans men use trained otters to chase fish into nets. A pair of harnessed otters harry and dive through the milk-chocolate water while four men, standing up in their gondola-shaped boat, manoeuvre nets attached to oft bamboo poles. It is a tough destination for tourists. All travel in Bangladesh is circumscribed by ferries, and they are usually broken down, paralysed by strikes, or clogged with queues. In addition, outside the small intellectual circles of the capital I hardly found anyone who spoke English.

Being in India was a picnic after three weeks fighting my way around Bangladesh. (Calcutta might have earned a place in the geographical imagination of the west as a cipher of disease and despair, but rich Bangladeshis go to Calcutta for medical treatment. But despite it all, Bangladesh is safe, cheap and tourist-free, and the operatic landscape makes all the struggle melt into the silt.

■ British Airways (0345 222111) flies to Dhaka five times a week via Delhi. Fares this month are from £1,114. Biman, the Bangladesh national carrier (0171-629 0252) also flies London-Dhaka. Ticket consolidator Jumbo Travel (0171-258 0295) has BA tickets for July from £465 return, with Biman from £495.

■ Overland: It is possible to enter Bangladesh from India. The most reliable crossing points are Benapoli/Haridaspur in the south; Chilahati/Haldibari in the north.

■ Visas are required. A single-entry visa costs £40. Application

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forms are available from the Bangladesh High Commission, 28 Queen's Gate, London SW7 5JA (0171-584 0081). Open to personal callers Monday-Friday, 10am-1pm. Allow three weeks for postal applications.

■ Vaccinations: It is advisable to have hepatitis, typhoid, tetanus and polio. Take iodine water purification tablets.

■ Currency: There are currently 70 taka to the pound. Credit cards

and travellers cheques are only useful in Dhaka and Chittagong.

■ The best time to visit is November-February. Three-quarters of the annual rainfall falls June-September.

■ Reading: The Travel Bookshop (0171-229 5260) recommends: *Memoirs of a Bengal Civilian*, by John Beame (Eland, £8.99); *Bangladesh: Reflections on the Water*, by James J. Novak (Indiana University Press, £22.50); *Janaai*, by Shaikat Osman (Heinemann, £5.99). *Bangladesh Travel Survival Kit* (Lonely Planet, £9.99).

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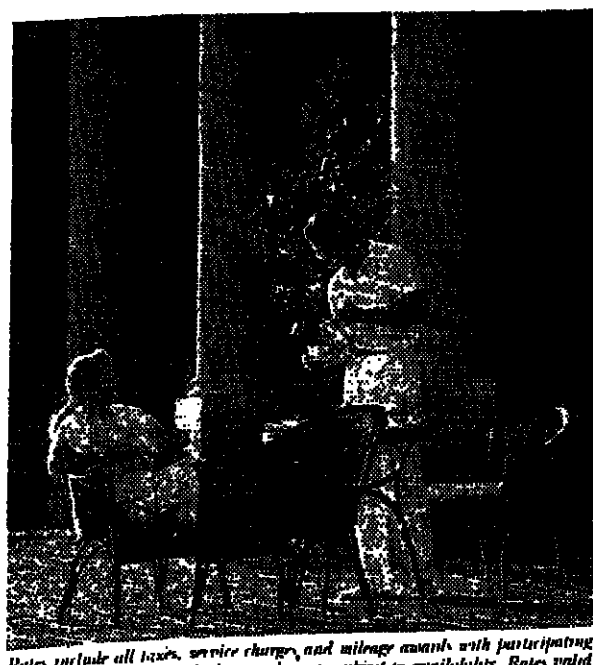
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**FAMILIES** who do not want to join the bucket and spade brigade for their summer holidays should take heart — several firms can provide more challenging alternatives. French specialist VFB (01242 240332) has added a new resort, Samoens in the Alps to its France Active Programme offering action-packed mountain holidays for families. Roadskating on a six-kilometre cycle track around Lake Annecy, potholing, and via ferrata, the latest sporting craze from Italy involving cliff ascents attached to a cable, have been added to a list of

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pursuits which include canyoning, summer skiing, whitewater sports and mountain biking. Prices are from £532 for a week for a family of four travelling by car and staying in a self-catering apartment in July and August. Also in the Alps, family specialist Sun Esprit (01252 616789) organises active holidays based in a guest house at Morzine in France with a nursery and baby-sitting for younger children, and "Alpines Club" for 4-12s, with supervised outings. Prices are from £275 per adult (including car and passenger crossing) for a week, with extra costs for children's activities. For families with restless teenagers, adventure sport specialist Tall Stories (01932 252002) runs sporting family weeks combining riding, hiking and watersport activities in Austria, Corsica and Spain. A family of four would pay from £1,300 for seven nights' half-board and sports instruction, but not flights.

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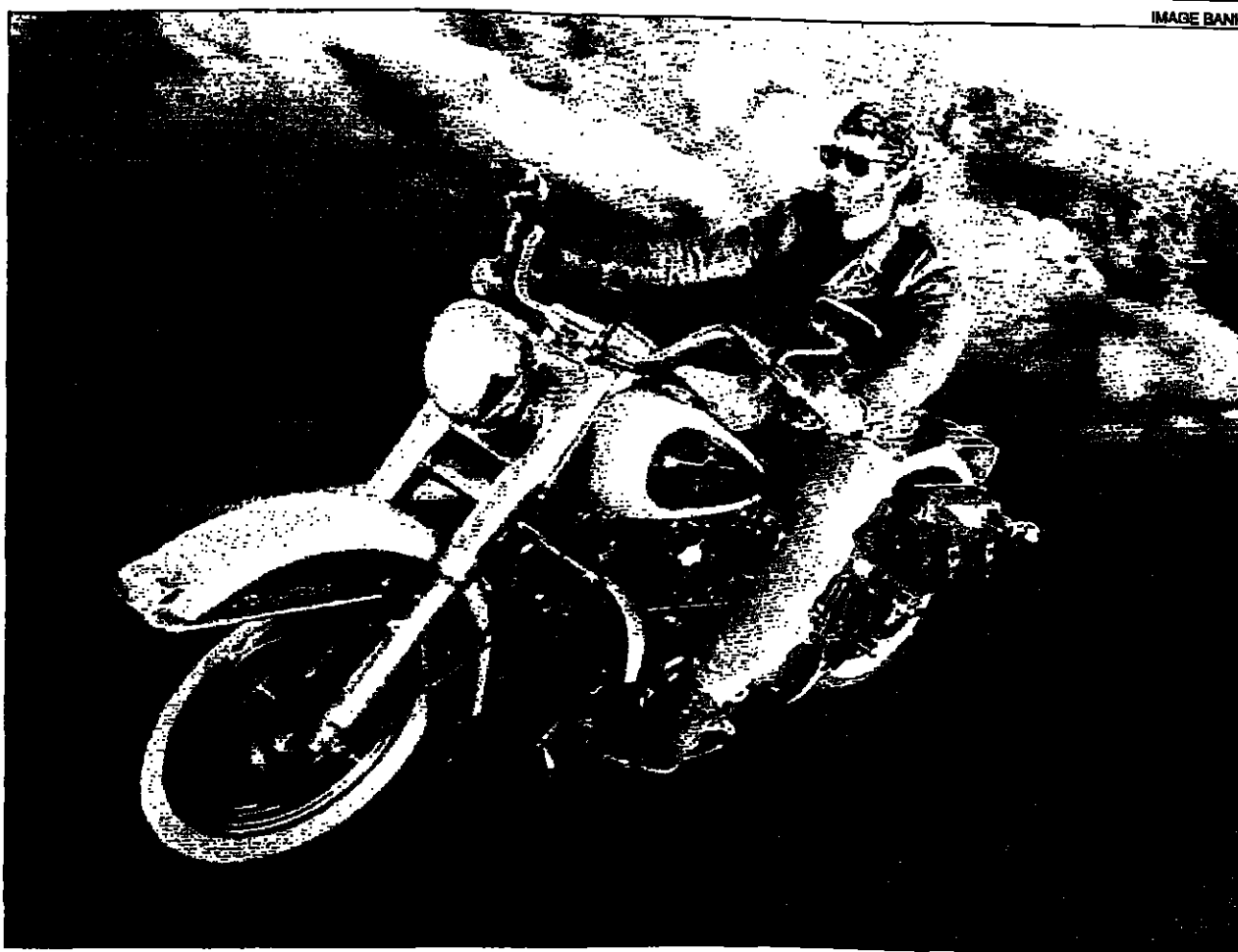
**COLONEL** John Blashford-Snell, who successfully completed the Blue Nile expedition in 1968, is to return to Ethiopia to lead the non-profit making wildlife and zoological quest of the Scientific Exploration Society (01747 854898) in October. The three-week trip will also be accompanied by scientists from the Harrison Zoological Museum in Kent and the University of Addis

Ababa, plus anybody who is fit and able to support the project financially to the tune of £2,400, with an extra £555 for international flights. Travelling in four-wheel-drive vehicles, the group will tackle rainforests, the Rift Valley and wildlife sanctuaries in search of exotic creatures, finishing with a seminar in the capital.

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Day 5 Mallorca. We will moor in Palma's attractive harbour during the morning and have the day to explore the city, shop and perhaps travel inland to the enchanting countryside which has changed little over the centuries.

Day 6 Ibiza. A ruggedly beautiful and mountainous island with brilliant white African style houses, perhaps a legacy of the days when the island was a Carthaginian colony. Viewed from the sea the island is enchanting and ashore in Ibiza town spend some time in the Upper Town which is enclosed within 16th century walls and is the heart of the old city.



Day 7 Formentera. Least known and visited of the Balearics this tiny island, just 9 miles across is in fact two islets joined by a sandy isthmus. We will have the day to explore its sandy beaches, lagoons, saltmarshes and the capital of San Francisco Javier.

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## WORD-WATCHING

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## BASOPHIL

(c) Something that stains readily with a basic dye. Applied to a cell or other structure having an affinity with basic substances. From the Greek. The nuclei of all these varieties of colourless blood corpuscles are basophil, which means that they have a strong affinity for basic aniline dyes such as methylene blue.

## FAVELA

(b) In Brazil, a shack or shanty. Usually in the plural. favelas, a collection of improvised huts, a shanty town. Hence favelado, a person dwelling in a favela.

## ANABRANCH

(a) Especially in Australia, where this geographical phenomenon is common, a branch stream which turns out of a river and re-enters it lower down.

## COLNEY HATCH

(a) The name of a Middlesex village, and of a mental hospital opened there in 1851. Hence used allusively as a toponym for a lunatic asylum or madhouse. P.G. Wodehouse, *Uncle Fred in Springtime*, 1939: "He'll probably end his days in Colney Hatch."

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Portugal: From the ancient streets of Oporto to the breathtaking Douro valley, history has left its imprint

# Port, palaces and endless pleasures

When Afonso Henriques was proclaimed king of an independent northern Portugal in 1138 and began the job of gaining control of the rest of the country, the Portuguese were faced with the fierce Atlantic ocean on one side, fierce Spaniards on the other and few resources of their own. They chose to rely on the sea and rose to be the greatest maritime, commercial and colonial power in Europe during the Middle Ages.

Oporto was the centre of this power. It is a delightful town of cobbled streets, red-roofed houses and ancient churches and palaces, lying on the steep slopes above the estuary of the Douro River, on the site of the Roman towns of Portus and Cale, from where Portugal derived its name.

England played a key role in helping Portugal to achieve independence, and Oporto to achieve prosperity, beginning with the Treaty of Windsor, in 1386, and the marriage in Oporto to the year after between King João I and Philippa of Lancaster, the daughter of John of Gaunt.

In 1703, trading between the two countries was made official by the Treaty of Methuen, and English merchants moved into the production of port wine in the Douro valley.

At the top of the hill on which Oporto is built are the fine wide avenues and squares of its later history, but to get the feel of this ancient city you must go down the steep slopes to the old town. Its hundreds of churches are baroque, medieval or Neoclassical gems, and, like its old houses and palaces, are often decorated with the beautiful blue and white azulejos (tiles) that are famous in Portugal.

There are magnificent examples on the walls of the Sé Cathedral, which stands guard above the old town. Among many stunning church interiors, one of the finest is the Church of São Francisco, on the Rua Dom Henrique, which dazzles with its gold-leaf baroque splendour. Go to the Rua de Santa Catarina, the crowded main shop-

ping street in the newer part of town, just to take tea in the Majestic Café. This tearoom is maintained in all its Art Nouveau glory.

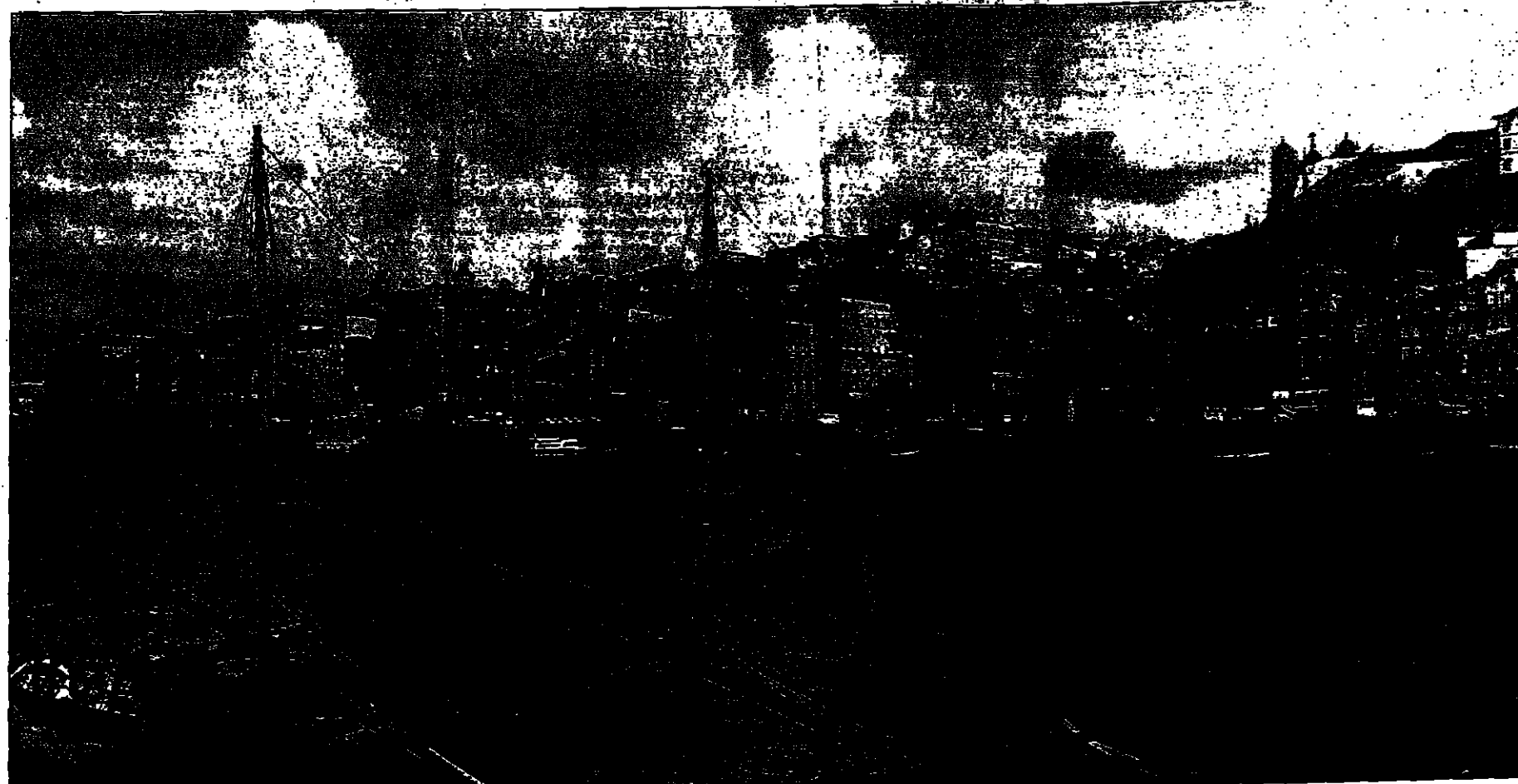
Reis Filhos, near the Praça D. João I, is dated 1880. Look up, if you dare to enter this elegant fur shop, and you will see painted ceilings to rival Madame de Pompadour's boudoir. But apart from some good leather shops and the comfortable Grand Hotel do Porto, the street has little else to offer.

So march down towards the river and take in the shops of a bygone age — haberdashery, ironmongers, specialists in buttons, candles, antiques, crafts and pewter. In the old town you see how the people have lived for nearly a thousand years. Despite the fact that Portugal now belongs to the European Union, with funding pouring in, poverty is still starkly evident. The quayside of the broad Douro river is dominated by the spectacular Dom Luís I iron bridge, dated 1886, which links Oporto with Vila Nova de Gaia on the other side. Designed by Tófilo Seyring, a disciple of Gustav Eiffel, it has an amazing two-tier span. Along the river the more modest Dona Maria iron bridge was designed by Eiffel. In fact Eiffel designed bridges all over the region. An

**'The garden is adorned with camellias, oranges, lemons and tangerines'**

ancient fable relates that Portugal's three largest rivers met in Spain before crossing the border and over a bottle of wine decided to race each other to the sea next morning. The Guadiana got up at dawn and had time to turn south through flat land for an easy journey. The Tagus awoke, saw the Guadiana had gone and set off sharpish to find a way through low mountain ranges and across plains, reaching the sea where Lisbon now stands.

The Douro, having drunk too much, slept until mid-morning and in haste went straight from east to west, carving a passage through the mountains. The Douro is indeed a mighty river. I walked along the quay and bought some of the pretty earthenware cooking pots, then crossed the bridge on its lower tier. On the Gaia side the grand port wine houses line up



Oporto's cobbled streets, red-roofed houses and ancient churches and palaces tumble down the slopes to the Douro. The old boats that once ferried port wine are still moored there

along the quay. Names such as Taylor's, Graham, Warre, Croft, Dow and Sandeman proclaim the truth of the alliance with England. Moored in front are the *rabelos*, one-oared boats which over the centuries carried the wine from the vineyards to the sea. Now that the casks are transported by road, the boats are used only once a year to race on the river.

Oporto food is delicious and the portions abundant. After a lunch of *sopa calda* (cabbage soup with spicy sausage), *arroz y frango* (tasty chicken and rice) and chocolate mousse (must try it) at the Imar restaurant on the quayside, I felt fortified enough to walk through the portals of the House of Sandeman, founded by George Sandeman in 1790.

Walking through the cellars with their musky, heady smell of wine

reposing in casks, the secrets of vintage, tawny and ruby were imparted to me. When I lived in Portugal, I loved drinking white port served chilled as an aperitif.

The countryside outside Oporto is a land of milk and honey, filled with green pastures, broad rivers, fertile land, and sun and rain. Its vines not only produce port wine but also the light, young *vinho verde* that is so utterly drinkable. Small churches in their distinctive granite and white, decorated with azulejos, are everywhere. Do not miss the baroque stairs that climb the hillside to the Bom Jesus Church overlooking Braga, nor the town's medieval centre and beautiful cathedral. Not so many years ago this countryside was dotted with rustic villages and tiny restau-

rants serving *bacalhau* (salted cod), tripe and a mixed grill which will fill you up for a week.

The delicious food is still there, but motorways plough through the land and an explosion of basic, ugly housing forms a continuous band from Oporto north to the Spanish border.

Before leaving, I went to visit friends who live in a converted monastery tucked away in the woods above Vila do Castelo. Their garden in winter is adorned with camellias, oranges, lemons and tangerines. A crystal-clear river runs through it — once used by the monks for washing.

Hidden wonders like this are what make Portugal so special and are the reason that I return again and again.

SUSAN MACDONALD

## OPORTO FACT FILE

- The author was a guest of Travelodge (0181-427 8800), which has three-night weekend B&B breaks at the two-star Hotel Malaposta from £287 until July 14 — including TAP Air Portugal flights from London Heathrow to Oporto, and arrival transfer.
- The Grand Hotel do Porto (00 3512 20081), £52 for a twin room.
- Portuguese National Tourist Office (0171-494 1444).
- Reading: *The Factory House at Oporto*, John Delafosse (Christopher Helm, £11.95). *The Portuguese*, Maxine Kaplan (Penguin, £8.99). *Porto*, Werner Radschewsky and Gunter Scheider (Nicola, £14.99). *Blue Guide, Portugal* (A&C Black, £8.95).



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Brussels: Fine examples of Art Nouveau and splendid museums make for a memorable weekend break

## Smart for art's sake

If Brussels merits a theme, it is Art Nouveau. And what better place to start than at its shrine. The Musée Horta is a delightful capsule of the architectural and design movement that swept across Europe in the 1890s and which proved so popular in Brussels. Horta applied the flowing curves and shapes of the natural world to iron, stone, stained glass and furniture. Today his self-designed house, now a museum, whisks one back a century to a time when the straight line was almost a necessary evil.

Even the furniture and doors have been styled, shaped or moulded. Coat hooks droop like stamens and ribbons of balustrades and struts colonise a stairwell like tendrils; an opaque canopy crowns the top floor and the dining room has walls of white-enamelled brick and parquet-mosaic floor. What you do not see are the bathrooms or the kitchen. For a perfectionist obsessed with the detail of door handles and letterbox, it is hard to believe Horta did not see to these as well. "They're of no interest," an attendant said. "Servants used the basement kitchen and now it's the caretaker's flat."

Meanwhile, the house has become a victim of its own success. This year saw painstaking restoration, the first in 30 years. The most exciting task was cleaning its delicate canvas walls painted with floral motifs and ensuring their colours, especially gold, were not garishly revived.

The cult of Horta has renewed interest in Art Nouveau and probably ended the shameful destruction of some of Brussels's finest buildings. Fortunately, hundreds of houses designed by him and contemporaries remain. The grandest — called "hotels" — are concentrated in the southern districts of St Gilles and Ixelles where wealthy industrialists and engineers prospered. Walking between the choice residences in this compact city reveals an unexpected elegance and there is always a local café to rest weary legs.

Coffee-table books show the decorative interiors of Hotels Solvay and Tassel to be lavish. In the flesh, you will have to be content with the exteriors: wriggling balustrades, curved masonry and cast-iron, riveted columns. Almost all these homes are still privately owned and although a man at the Solvay said I could write requesting a visit, it seemed a

### FACT FILE

■ Amar Grover travelled by Eurostar with Time Off (0171-235 8070) and stayed at the Hotel Amigo. Prices for a two-night weekend break are £261 per person.

■ James Pickard travelled via Eurostar to Brussels with Belgian Travel Service (01992 456156). A two-night B&B weekend break at the five-star Le Meridien costs £235 per person.

■ The Musée Horta, 23-25 rue Americaine is open Tuesday-Sunday, 2-5.30pm. Admission is £2.25 on weekdays, £4 at weekends. Tram numbers 91/92 stop nearest to the museum. Hotel Hannon (corner of avenues Brugmann and de la Jonction) opens on the same days, 2-6pm (£1.20).

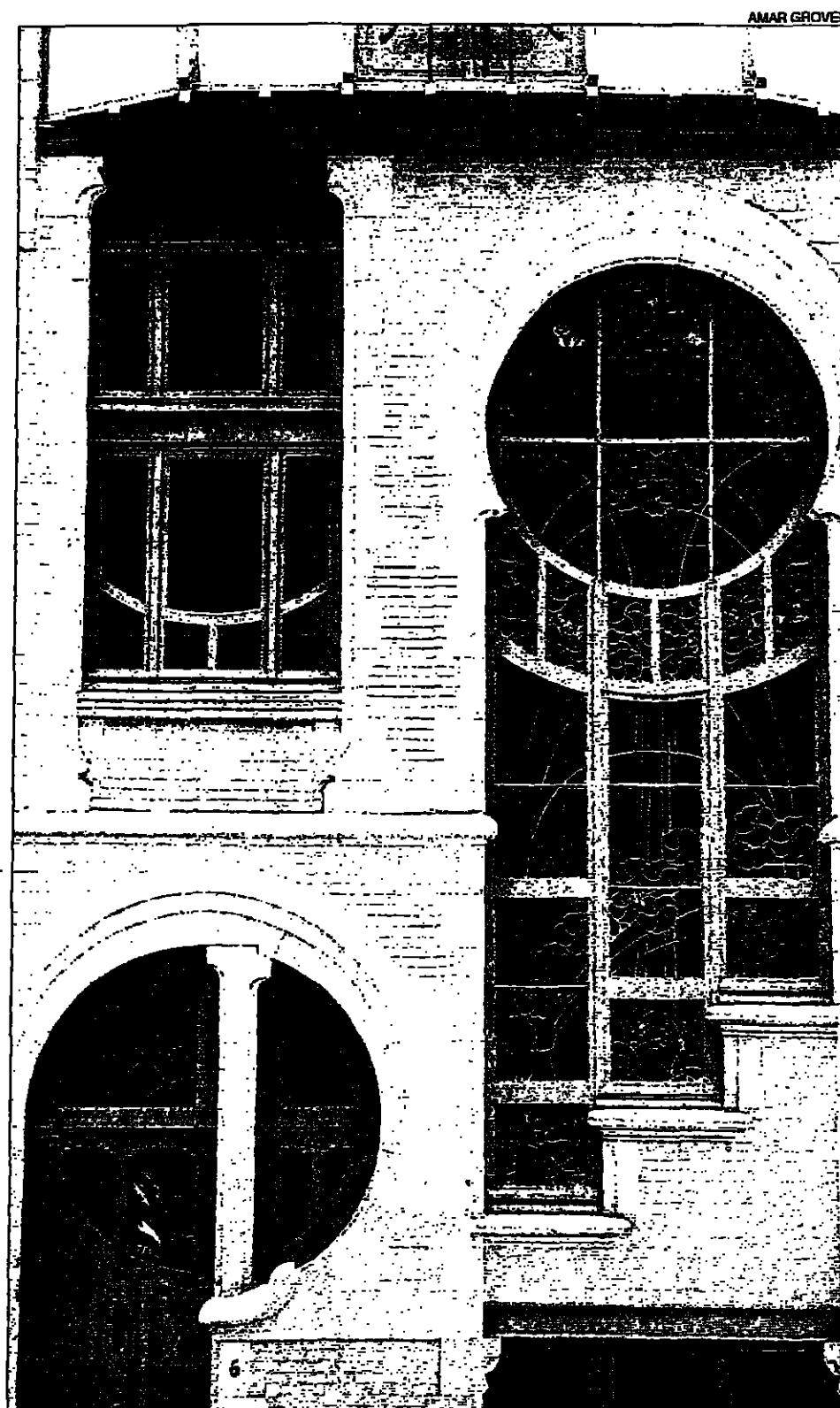
■ The conservation society ARAU at 55 Blvd Adolphe Max, Brussels 1000 (00 32 219 3345) has tours on Saturday mornings, usually visiting at least four buildings, including the Ulieme Hallucination and the Horta-designed Centre Belge de la Bande Dessinée or Comic Strip Museum. Tours are usually in French or Flemish (£12).

■ Reading: The Travel Bookshop (0171-229 5360) recommends *Flemish Cities Explained* by Derek Blyth (Pallas Guide, £9.95), *The Professor and Villetta* by Charlotte Bronte (Penguin, £1.99/£2.50), *Time Out Guide*, Brussels (Penguin, £9.99).

vague, inconvenient prospect for the casual visitor. The nearby Hotel Hannon is dominated by a stained-glass bow window (whose room the original plans refer to quaintly as a *jeu d'été* or winter garden) and sensual frescoes that soar with the stairs, this large house is now a photography gallery. Other highlights include the Maison Saint-Cyr (11 square Ambiorix) with an extravagant, swirling facade and the airy murals of Maison de Paul Cauchie (5 rue des Francs). The latter is open to the public on the first weekend of each month.

So many others failed to

The cult of Horta has renewed interest in Art Nouveau



If the architecture and design of Brussels has any single theme it is Art Nouveau

gain a name but pamphlets list them humbly by address. Some have charming period detail — the letterbox and boot scraper of 83 rue de Falder, the round windows and immense floral-glass panes of 6 rue de Lac, or the mosaic of cocks at a sunburst dawn at 41 place

stairs, and its cluttered dining room evoked ideals of a wealthy great-aunt.

A far less self-conscious alternative and something of an institution is the Café Falstaff (9 rue Henri Maus) opposite La Bourse, the old stock exchange. Lounging on banquettes under long mirrors, we peered up at stained glass depicting its eponymous hero. The food, too, is excellent with water-zoo (chicken bathed in a creamy sauce), *anguilles au vert* (a herb stew of eels) and cranberry Ardenne boar.

We nipped round the other side of the Bourse to Café Cirio (18 rue de la Bourse) for digestifs and sensational coffee. This cosy cave of striped banquettes, mirrors and statuesque globe-lights has been going since 1886 and one still enters through a curvy glass booth.

Café Metropole reigns from behind the hallowed walls of Brussels's finest hotel, the Metropole (31 place de Broekere). In this rarefied atmosphere of chandeliers, salmon-pink marble walls and gold-gleaming ceilings (nothing if not smart nouveau), a maître d'hôtel conducts courtly waiters in starched aprons.

There, amid leather upholstery, medallioned marmalade lamps and sumptuous pastries, I noticed framed celebrity signatures hanging from pillars. It is a wonderful place even without approval from the great and the good.

AMAR GROVER

## Capital where squares are chic

An advertisement on the Brussels subway reads "Oost West, Brussel Best". You do not need fluent Flemish to guess the translation. Curiously undervalued as a weekend destination, Brussels has more to offer than two Ghent or Bruges.

Four hours by Eurostar and five minutes later I was lunching in the seedy area around the Gare du Midi in a run-down Greek restaurant. The beer was cheaper than the mineral water. There was no menu. Instead, the chef led customers to the kitchen to choose their meal from a dozen cooking vessels. I pointed at the moussaka. With veg and potatoes, it cost £4.

The Belgians do have a sense of humour. They must have, as they drink more fruit-flavoured beer than British imports. In a café-bar I sampled a bottle of raspberry beer and even managed to finish it. The cherry, peach and banana flavours remained untouched.

In a basement in the Grand Place, the medieval centre, the Beer Museum is dedicated to the old and new methods of brewing. Its literature states: "Brewing to the Belgians is what haute couture is to the French." With 106 breweries in the country you can use touch-screen computers or watch a video to find out more, before sampling a free beer.

Victor Hugo always rated the Grand Place as the finest square in Europe. The architecture is outstanding. One side is dominated by the medieval Town Hall: all around are old guild houses. Gables and gilded statues adorn the roofs. From the outdoor cafés lining the square you can watch the bustle of the flower and bird markets.

On the north side, the black neo-Gothic Musée de la Ville has ornate rooms full of paintings, manuscripts and models of old Brussels. A small exhibition shows glass cabinets full of costumes such as a witch's cape and a full samurai outfit which have been donated from all around the world.

They are worn by the notorious Mannekin Pis nearby, a tiny statue of a boy considered to be the symbol of the city.



Café society: locals enjoy watching the world go by

Although cute, it is certainly not the finest of the many statues in Brussels, worth only a passing glance for the daily change of costumes.

The Grand Upper Town is a stroll from the Grand Place. For some fresh air it is worth visiting the elegant Parc du Bruxelles, flanked by the grey but imposing Palais du Roi (open August and September). At the nearby Musée Royal des Beaux Arts I discovered bizarre works by Warhol, Dali and Magritte, alongside more obscure Belgian artists.

Across the road it would be easy to miss the tiny park of Place du Petit Sablon, decorated with 48 statues of guildsmen in tarnished copper. Set behind the fine 15th-century church of Notre Dame du Sablon, the park has beautiful flower beds and an old fountain.

The best find of the weekend was the Musée Instrumental, a hoard of unusual musical instruments. Ornamental Indonesian gongs and a recorder the length of a thumb are laid out beside Jew's harps, bagpipes and a 12ft Swiss alpenhorn. One room is dedicated to Adolphe Sax, inventor.

Upstairs were exquisite pianos, many 300 years old with ornate friezes and intricate designs. One piano was the size of a chocolate box with a rural painting inside the lid. The curator demonstrated

how an organ works by switching on a small working model. He also showed me the finger gym, a contraption of tiny rings and pulleys used by pianists to strengthen their fingers.

The Atomium is a giant model of an iron molecule which looms above the Parc du Centaure. A glass-roofed lift carries you to the top, where you can travel from one giant golf ball to another. In each there was a badly planned exhibition — mostly cartoons. Since this giant folly was built in 1958, for the World Exhibition, it has been held up by Belgian optimists as a rival to the Eiffel Tower. This is an ambitious claim.

My preconception of Brussels as a city of grey suits had been proved wrong. Only when I stumbled on the Eurotempo shop did I see any evidence of blandness. There was row upon row of blue ashtrays, flagged cocktail sticks, broilys and soap — all emblazoned with the 12 yellow stars of the EU. Next door the Euroline shop offered a board game. Euroracy. Its 48 pages of rules explained that the aim was "to form and maintain two consecutive governments of the same composition".

The shop assistant said that when it first came out it was played by EC office-workers during their coffee breaks. But she did not look surprised when I left empty-handed.

JAMES PICKARD

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Morichar. With images of flaxen-haired maidens, paired owls and endless motifs of plants and flowers, there is an almost childlike delight in decorative effect.

The Belgians perfected chocolate, beer and *les frites* so it is no surprise that Art Nouveau can be indulged over a glass or two. De Ulieme Hallucination bar and restaurant (316 rue Royale) was originally a home and many *objets d'art* were simply left behind despite its conversion. A white, adorned piano stood at the foot of the

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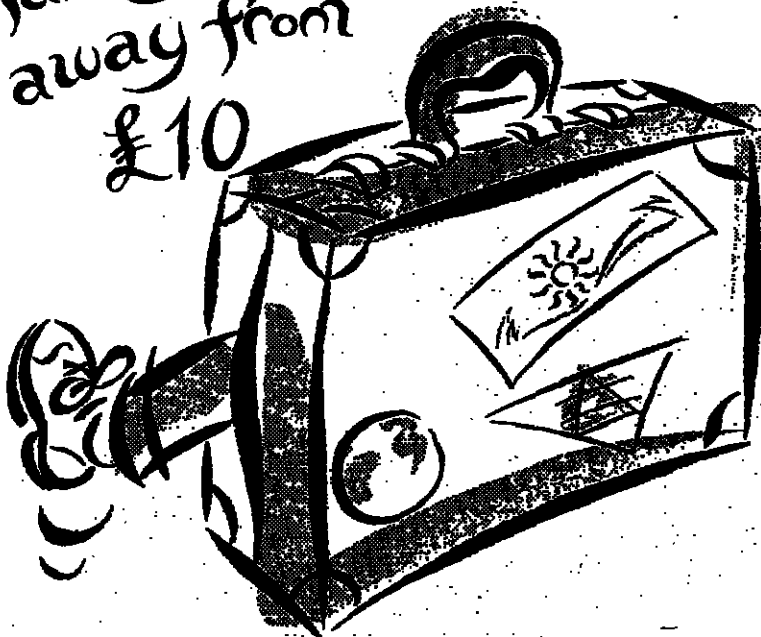
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Britain: As the air show season starts, John Naish gets behind the controls of a 1943 vintage Tiger Moth

## Reaching for the skies of nostalgia

For most people, flying has become stupefyingly dull, a tedious airline-travel interlude between A and B.

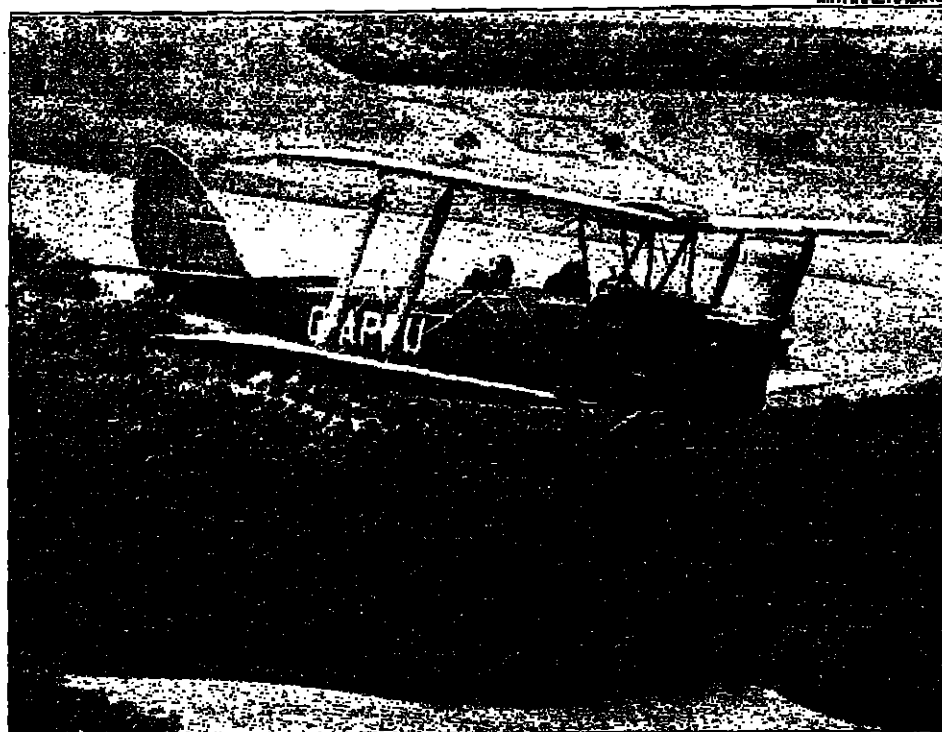
We have been robbed of the leucis thrill — the sheer audacity of soaring skywards in some fragile contraption — which characterised our pioneering days of flight. But thanks to a small band of vintage aircraft enthusiasts around the country, you can have that thrill back. Not only do you get to sit in the aircraft and take to the air in them — you can even take the controls and fly them.

Trial-lesson flights enable you to try your hand at piloting. And meticulously maintained classic training aircraft such as the Tiger Moth return you to that ele-

mental airborne bliss. I took my trial lesson in a little red Moth at Goodwood aerodrome in West Sussex, courtesy of Mithril Racing. Mithril's training package normally starts with a stint in the briefing room, where the instructors explain basic flight theory, the aircraft's controls and how it is flown.

Not for me and my big mouth, however. On arrival, I decided to show off in school-boy style by identifying all the vintage aircraft sharing the Moth's hangar. I then boasted that I had flown gliders and aircraft simulators in the Air Training Corps, while omitting to say this was more than 15 years ago.

"OK," said Paul Mullen, my pilot. "We'll skip the briefing." Oh dear. Straight in at the



The Tiger Moth was built by De Havilland in 1943 to train wartime RAF pilots

deep end. As the ground crew fitted me with flying helmet, intercom and goggles, my guts began to tighten. The aeroplane was tottered out. The skies loomed bright, cloudless and chilly; nevertheless, I was in a sweat.

As I clambered over the wing, between the struts and into the sparse open cockpit, the utter primitiveness of vintage flying hit home. This Moth, built in 1943 by De Havilland to train wartime pilots, looked far, far too

original, with its faded instrument gauges, rough metal controls and worn canvas bodywork. I wondered whether just then, miles away in Kensington, London, a Science Museum curator was asking himself where one of the exhibits had gone.

Contact. The engine clattered into action. The machine shook, my eyes clouded with dust, my lungs with fumes. I felt queasy with elation and fear. Through the headphones I faintly heard Paul asking if I

was all right. "Happy as Larry," I lied.

And so we took off, sedately, beautifully: so unlike the headlong roar of a jet airliner — the Moth just waited upwards till there we were, 1,500ft aloft, with the Sussex coast below.

"Want to take control?" Paul suddenly asked. "Love to." That made two lies in ten minutes. "You have control," Paul declared with game-show glee. I gripped the joystick stiffly, plagued by visions of the ground spinning towards me, of a smashed wreck burning fiercely in some poor farmer's field. "Take it down a hundred feet," he suggested. "Now pull up... careful, don't stall it. Now try a right turn." I was really flying.

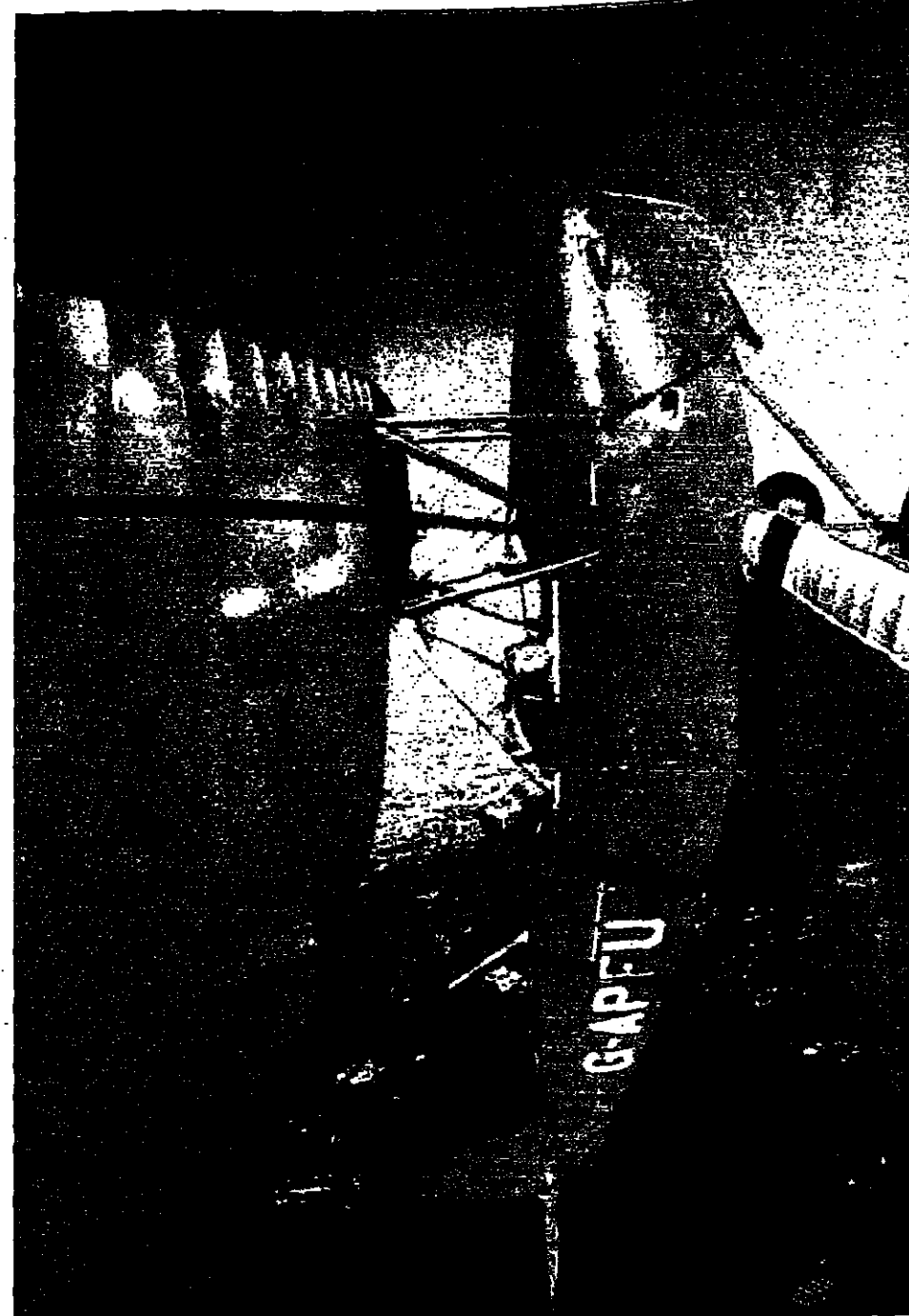
But hang on: in Tiger Moths, pilot and passenger sit in tandem with, glory of glories, the passenger taking the front cockpit. I could not see what Paul was up to. Maybe he had full control, only letting me think I was doing the driving. "Try going left now," he said. Just to check I really had control, I checked the sky was clear, and instead steered right. Blow me if the thing did not wheel rightwards. Part of me wanted to whoop with excitement, the other part was relieved to hand back control.

And then we did it — the thing that put a Mona Lisa smile on my face for the rest of the week. "Want to do some tricks now?" Paul asked. Ooh, yes please. "Like what?" I replied, thinking, say it, go on say it. He gave the right answer: "We can loop the loop if you like..."

We pulled other stunts too, but looping the loop is a sure-fire entry on any list of lifetime highs. How was it? I cannot even begin to tell you. You will have to experience it yourself. But I will not bother with roller coasters again — too tame, too artificial.

After 30 fleeting minutes of distilled joy, we turned back to the aerodrome. Paul had helpfully mentioned that Moths were easy to crash when landing, but there was no need to worry — we floated in for a perfect touchdown.

Mithril's trial-lesson customers are often former pilots who learnt on Moths, says Chris Taylor, the director. One 70-year-old had a photograph taken posing by the aircraft and sent a copy to Taylor, along with a snap of him in the same pose 50 years before.



Looping the loop in a Tiger Moth is a surefire entry in a list of lifetime highs

Andrew Edie, of Transport Command, based at Shoreham-by-Sea, West Sussex, has the same experience. His company flies a 55-year-old North American Harvard of the type that trained about 10,000 wartime RAF pilots. It is much bigger than the Moth and has a 600hp radial engine. Again, all flights are with qualified instructors and customers get to try flying the machine.

But what if the thought of playing Biggles does not grab you so much as the simple nostalgia of flying in a relic from a bygone age? Then consider relaxing as a passenger in a 1930s biplane airliner.

The eight-seater De Havilland Dragon Rapide, with its fine Art Deco lines, is the Orient Express of the air. Several are used for pleasure flights around Britain.

Classic Wings flies two Rapides from Duxford airfield in Cambridgeshire for nostalgic sightseeing. Air Atlantique, based at Coventry, also runs a splendid Rapide.

I flew with Classic Wings at a leisureed 100mph above London, where we circled low over the capital's great sights. The little plane's large windows offer terrific views, but the real thrill is in tasting life from a more sedate era: like flying business class but without the boredom.

Or perhaps taking off in a big old warbird would be more to your taste. This year South Coast Airways is flying a Douglas DC3 from Biggin Hill, Kent for pleasure flights, including trips to France and to summer airshows.

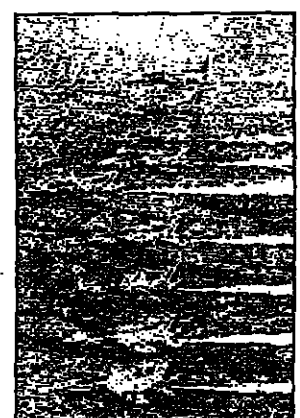
### THE AIRSHOW SEASON

WITH the summer comes the season of the airshow, arguably Britain's noisiest spectator sport. There are usually a few civilian and sporting planes buzzing around, but it's the warbirds old and new that pull the big crowds: Spitfires growl and Second World War bombers thunder, while the superpowers' latest jet-fighters screech through improbable aerobatics. This weekend is one of the season's first major shows: Biggin Hill's 35th International Air Fair (01959 572277). Jock Maitland, the former RAF fighter pilot who has organised the Kent aerodrome's shows since the Sixties, expects a crowd of up to 100,000 people. "As well as all the aircraft, this weekend features a parade of military vehicles, a large funfair and about a hundred stands — you could not get around it in a day," says Maitland.

Among the other big flying-fests, Duxford (01223 835 000) holds its Fighter Collection Flying Legends show on July 12-13, with a sky full of classic wartime aircraft. Again the crowds are huge — 40,000 people are expected — but the Cambridgeshire airfield has the added attraction of the Imperial War Museum's air collection — hangars packed with restored machines and flying examples stripped down for maintenance. On August

1, it officially opens its new £11 million Norman Foster-designed American Air Museum specially created around Duxford's massive B52 jet-bomber.

If the jet fighters and bouncy castles are not your style, the Shuttleworth collection, at Old Warden in Bedfordshire (01767 627288) offers a far more sedate experience. On the first Sat-



urday of every month until October, "propeller-driven veterans from the Old Warden, Bedfordshire, museum potter into the air. And across the country, from Swanage to Fife, hundreds of smaller shows are busily being planned. The RAF Red Arrows (pictured) have a summer schedule including 61 displays (hotline 0891 664424). Proceeds to Red Arrows Trust).

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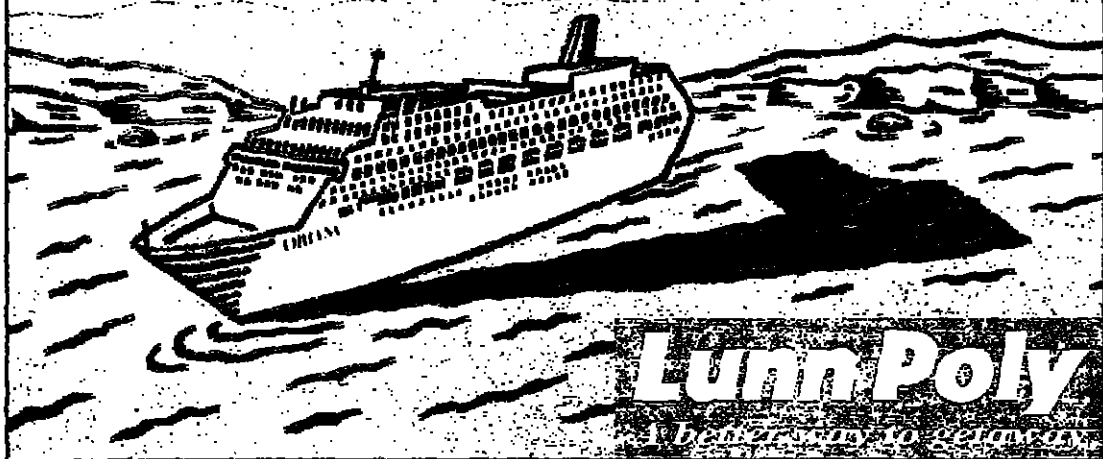
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■ Transport Command offers trial lessons in its Harvard. £175 for 30 minutes (01273 462784).

■ Classic Wings' Dragon Rapide has one-hour flights over London costing £99.50 and its 40-minute flights over

Cambridge. Ely and Newmarket cost £69.50 (01255 424677).

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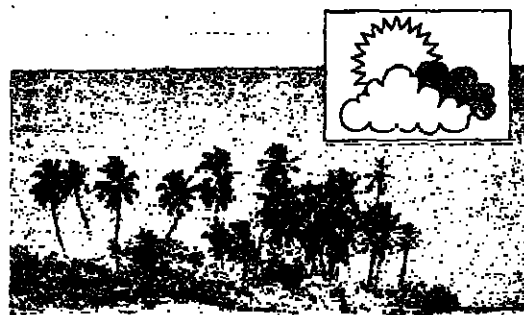
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Britain: 500 years after the Cornish rebellion, Adrian Mourby finds war and peace on the border

# Heroic tales from the riverbank

Five hundred years ago this month the first great Cornish Rebellion was put down and Cornwall's defeated army limped home across the Tamar. But they were soon back, in September 1497, rallying behind Perkin Warbeck into Devon in the hope of toppling Henry VII.

It is difficult to imagine the winding Tamar valley as a frontline war zone, but in Tudor times it was an angry border, as the new-deal monarch welched on the Celtic countries that had supported him when he seized the English crown. Because the Tamar runs virtually from coast to coast, it provided a ready-made eastern boundary for the ancient Celtic kingdom. Athelstan had fixed the border there in 928AD because he was fed up with the Kernow trying to wrest Exeter from the Saxons. A trip up the Tamar is a journey through forgotten chapters in British history. My family and I started on the Devon side in Plymouth because from here you can effect the most spectacular road crossing of the Tamar, travelling into Cornwall alongside Brunel's curiously hooped railway bridge of 1850. A century before, Daniel Defoe had crossed by ferry. The author had not trusted the crossing and recorded: "I thought myself well escaped when I set foot safe in Cornwall."

Entering Cornish territory by the modern Tamar Bridge, drivers will discover that the road and river immediately part company. It is a tribute to the importance of the Tamar in southern Cornwall that all roads seem to lead to it but none runs parallel. The river alone once did the important job of transporting heavy loads north and south. The web of local lanes only come alongside the Tamar to unload at isolated shorelines. We reached one of these, Halton Quay, by turning off the A388 and following signs to a tranquil hamlet with a tiny chapel where, according to legend, St Inract and his sister, St Dominica, landed from Ireland during the Dark Ages to bring the Cornish back to Christianity. They did a good job because Cornwall is littered with holy wells and early Celtic crosses.

North of Halton Quay stands Cotehele, a manor that John Bejeman once described as "the least changed mediaeval house in Britain". At Cotehele the Cornish, under Sir Richard Edgumbe, came out for Buckingham in his revolt against Richard III (the troublesome Cornish were at odds with most English monarchs), but when the king's men arrived, Edgumbe tricked his pursuers by pretending to dive into the Tamar. At the place where he had thrown his hat — as a decoy — to float in the river, the owner of Cotehele built a chapel to commemorate that narrow escape, and you can visit it today. Farther upriver stands Launceston, the ancient capital of Cornwall, which can be reached by several picturesque routes. If you prefer the back roads, an Ordnance Survey (Landranger 201) is essential. We took an indirect route via St Ann's Chapel and west along the A390 to arrive at Horsebridge. The river has seen much history here, including a bloody encounter between the royalists and parliamentarians in 1644. Having spent many centuries resisting English kings, the Cornish finally threw in their lot with Charles I during the Civil War because of their dogged adherence to Catholicism.

Crossing the bridge into Devon, the first sight is the

## FACT FILE

■ Make an early start if you are spending the weekend travelling the Tamar. Try staying overnight in Plymouth Hoe. The Forle Hotel on Cliff Road (01752 662828) has family rooms from £69, and a jolly family restaurant. The Waterfront (01752 226326), has great views across the harbour. Good food can be found at Cotehele, St Dominick, nr Saltash (01579 35034), and good ale at the Royal Inn, Horsebridge (01822 870214). ■ The New Inn, High Street, Clovelly (01237 431303), has B&B family rooms for £110 per night. ■ If you don't want to spend two days tracing the source of the Tamar, a one-day excursion can be made of the valley's southern section by going direct from Plymouth to Cotehele, then Kit Hill, Horsebridge and Polson Bridge, Launceston, and back to Plymouth. ■ An exhibition of documents and artefacts relating to the Cornish uprising of 1497 is running until July 19 at the Public Records Office, Ruskin Avenue, Kew, Surrey. Open 9.30am-5.30pm Monday to Friday. Free.

Royal Inn. Although not an ideal stopping place for a family — unfriendly signs prevent children entering various bits of this ancient inn — the Royal does serve wonderful ale which is made in its own dinky brewery. We continued along the Devon side of the Tamar through Milton Abbot and Lifordown, the roads winding farther away from the river. One advantage of staying so long on the Devon side is that you can re-enter Cornwall at Polson Bridge, just east of Launceston. In 1643, Polson was the site of another Civil War battle. The royalists won on this occasion, but they lost the replay in 1646.

Since the 14th century, the first son of the English monarch (also known as the Duke of Cornwall) has been presented with a riding cloak on this bridge when he makes his first entry into the duchy. Launceston ought to be a good place to visit. There is a town trail to follow if you want to see the curious carved church of St Mary — which looks as if it has been tattooed all over — or view the remains of the castle Sir Breville Gren-



ville defended against the Parliamentarians, but I've always found the town depressing. It needs more money spent on it. As we headed north towards the Tamar's source, the A388 remained verdant. It was late afternoon, so at Bridgetown we headed for the B3254 in search of cream teas. The emptiness of North Cornwall soon became apparent and it wasn't until Kilhampton (some 27 miles) that we spotted Clifton House, a friendly roadside cottage which served four of us for £5.

There is nowhere obvious to stay in this part of North Cornwall so we spent the night in the Devon fishing village of Clovelly. The New Inn here is



March of the pitchfork army: Donald Macleod's painting *Crossing the Tamar — the Cornish Rebellion* shows warriors passing Launceston Castle in 1497

as ancient as the rest of this famous village. It is pricey but worth a visit. The next morning we resumed our search for the source of the Tamar.

Six miles south of Clovelly on the A39 we re-entered Cornwall and immediately to the left found a road leading across Woolly Moor that is signposted Bradworthy. At grid reference SS 271 166 (Landranger 190) a muddy accumulation of water skulks off into the bushes. This is the beginning of the Tamar, named after the fabled goddess who was changed into a river by her father because she rejected all her suitors. No one was interested enough to get out of the car and look. We took the A39 back towards Plymouth, calling in on the Tamar Lakes Water Park — which is a pleasant enough spot to buy coffee and even fish — then on the B3254 back to

Launceston, which was looking closed and very grim in the Sunday lunch-time rain. Fortunately, my wife had bought sandwiches and by the time we reached Kit Hill on the A388, the sun had come out enough for us to find a view where we could eat them. Kit Hill is a huge granite cylinder which the Tamar has carved off from Dartmoor. The ancient Kernow once lived atop this 1,000ft mound and in the Civil War the king's loyal Cornishmen invested it to await a Parliamentarian attack that never came. Having finally breached the Tamar, the English army bypassed this fortified hill and subdued the Cornish elsewhere.

From the top of Kit Hill on a clear day the view is wonderful. I could see all the way back to Tamar Lakes and that muddy moorland rivulet. Nationalists point out that a prolonged burst of global warming would raise sea levels sufficiently to flood the Tamar and sever Cornwall from England altogether, creating a huge Celtic island.

But as we drove back to Plymouth on the A388 it didn't seem necessary for anything quite so apocalyptic to happen.

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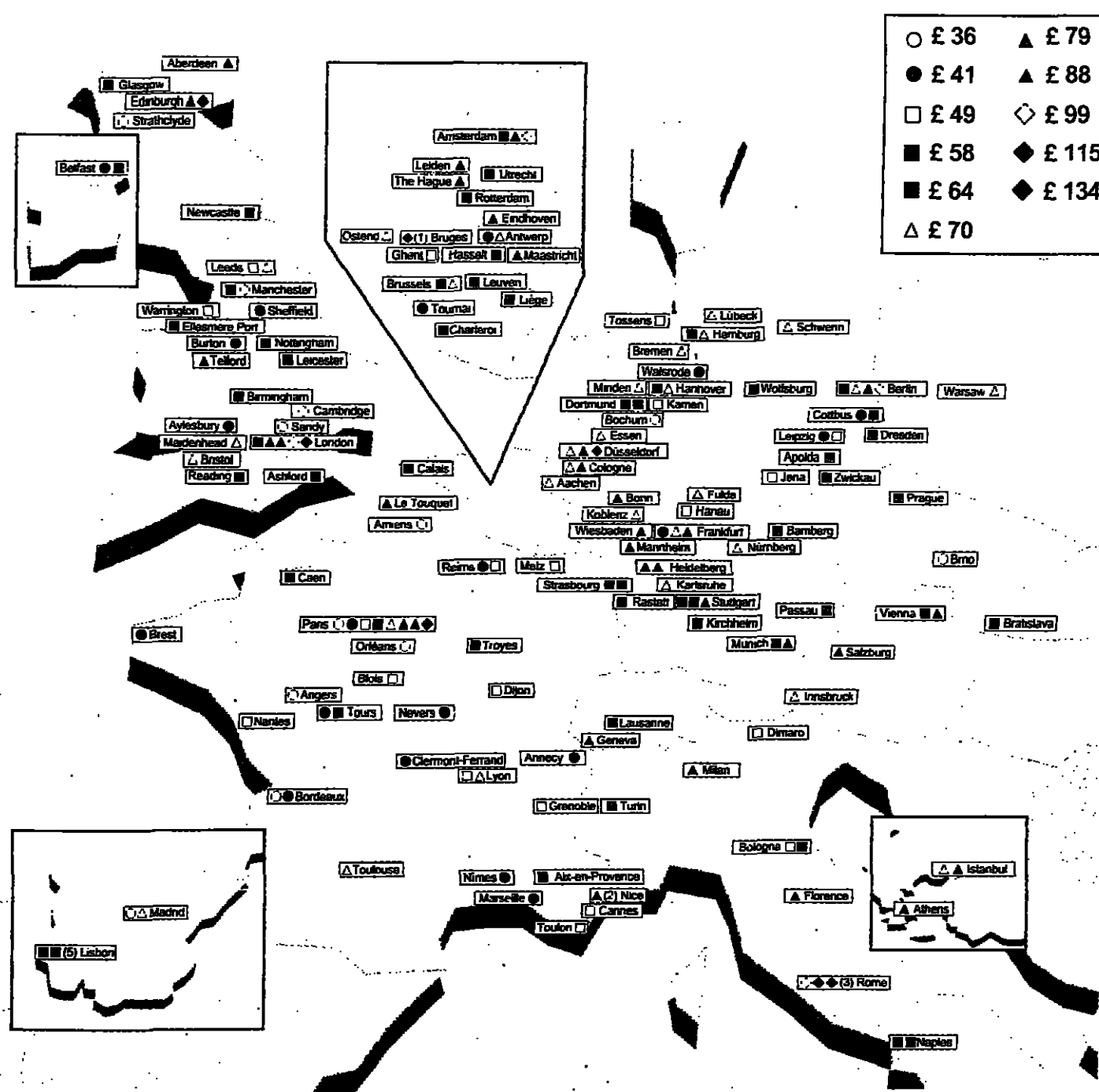
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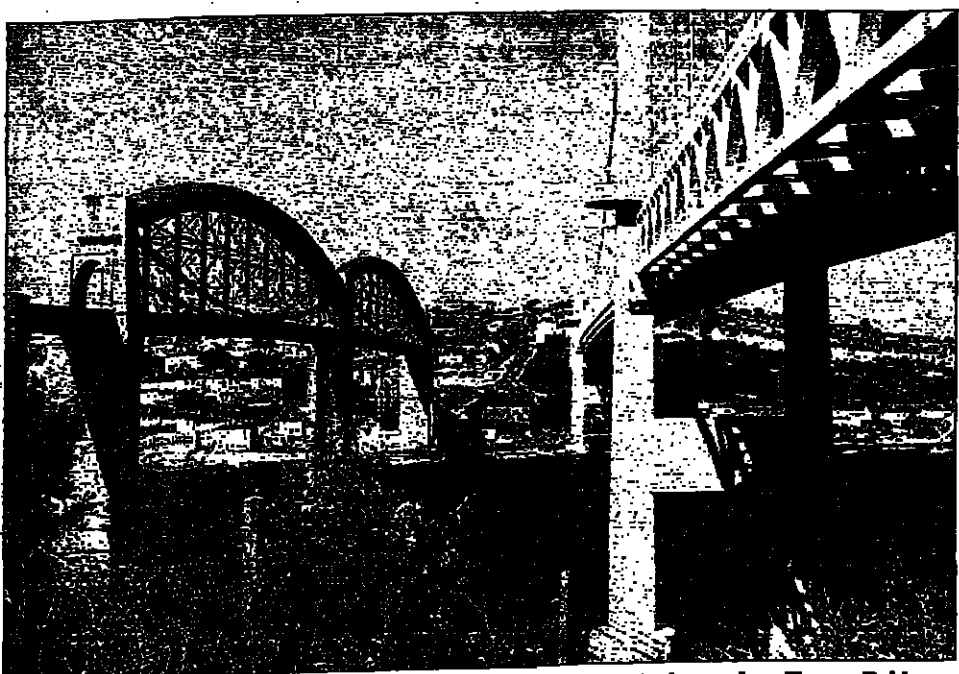
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Old and new: Brunel's looped railway bridge runs alongside the modern Tamar Bridge















## CHESS

by Raymond Keene

HOWARD STAUNTON is known not just as one of Britain's greatest chess players, but also as the originator of the Staunton-pattern chess pieces, now the norm in all national and international competitions. Additionally, he was a most active organiser, masterminding the first international tournament held at London in 1851. As a writer of books and chess columns he was second to none. If one realises also that Staunton had been a Shakespearean actor, produced his own three-volume edition of Shakespeare's works and was engaged on a history of the British educational system when he died, it becomes clear that here was a towering, renaissance personality who fortunately turned his talents towards chess.

It was a disgrace that no fitting memorial to Staunton existed. For decades he has lain in an unmarked grave at Kensal Green cemetery, north London. In 1993 the Staunton Society was formed to rectify this injustice and I am pleased to announce that on Monday July 28 at 11am a polished black granite monument in his honour, designed by Barry Martin, the artist, will be unveiled at Kensal Green. Later that day, the summer dinner of the Staunton Society, attended by masters, grand masters and VIPs of the chess world, will be held at Simpson's-in-the-Strand, the 19th-century home of chess and one of Staunton's frequent haunts.

Here is a fine game from the match which many regard as having elevated Staunton to the status of unofficial world champion.

White: Staunton; Black: Saint Amant.  
Paris Match (2nd game) 1843  
Benoni Defence.

1. d4 c5 2. d5 f5  
3. Nf3 g6 4. Nc3 Nf6  
5. Bg5 e5

Black's opening looks dubious, combining the worst features of the Benoni and Dutch Defences. However, recent investigations by grandmaster Jonathan Levitt have proved that it may be playable.

6. e4  
Even stronger is 6. dxe6 Bxe6 7. e4.

6... a6

This is much too slow. Both 6... f4 and 6... h6 are superior.

7. exd5 Bxf5 8. Nh4 Bc8  
9. Bc3 g6

To stop occupation of f5 but now the pin on f6 becomes acute.

10. 0-0 Be7 11. f4 e4

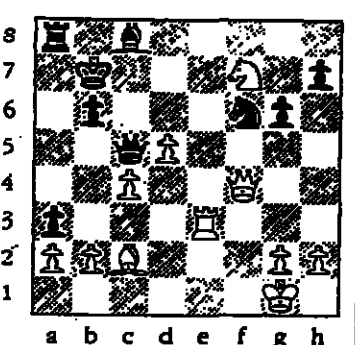
12. Bxe4 exf4

Saint Amant's original intention had probably been to play 12... Qb6+, but now he realises that 13. Kh1 Qxb2 14. fxe5 would be suicidal for Black.

13. Rxd4 Nbd7 14. Qd4 Ne5  
15. Re1 Mf7 16. Bxe7 Qxe7  
17. Ne4 Rf8 18. Rxf8+ Qxf8  
19. Nxd6+

This move essentially crushes Black's resistance since 19... Qxd6 fails to 20. Nf5 when the e-file pin ensures that White will emerge two pawns ahead.

19... Kd8 20. Rxe5 Qxd6  
21. Re3 Kc7 22. Bb3 a5  
23. Nf3 Nf6 24. c4 b6  
25. Ne5 a4 26. Bc2 a3  
27. Nf7 Qc5 28. Qf4+ Kb7



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Black tries one last desperate throw to disrupt White's queenside phalanx, but now Staunton strikes him down with a series of finely conceived tactics.

29. b4 Nf5

30. Nf5 Qxb4 31. Qxf5 wins.

32. Nf5+ Ka6 33. bxc5 Nxd4  
34. Rxc3 checkmate

If you wish to attend the unveiling ceremony for the Staunton monument or the Staunton Society summer dinner (£25), contact Barry Martin, 98 Cole Park Road, Twickenham TW1 1JA (0181-744 2868).

## WINNING MOVE

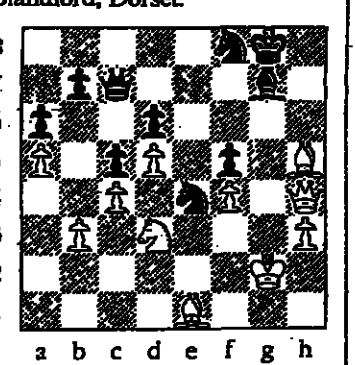
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Black to play. This position is from the game Damjanovic - Popovic, Yugoslavia 1957. White has just retreated his bishop to e1. This was very careless. Can you see why?

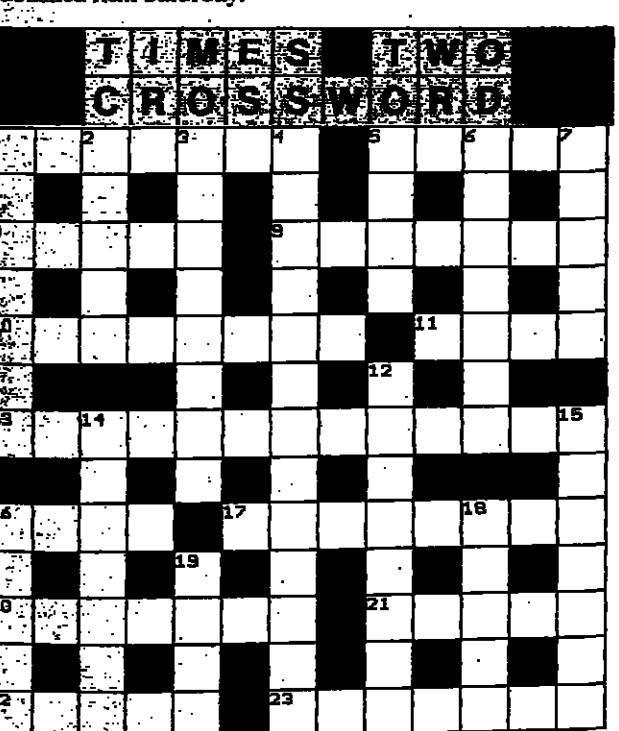
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Last week's solution: 1. Qxd6

Last week's winner: M Russell, Blandford, Dorset.



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No 1120

- ACROSS
1. River-race festival (7)
  2. Dieme (5)
  3. Enigmatic pop band (5)
  4. Well behaved; 5. dn (7)
  5. One from the capital (5)
  6. Spurn (lover) (4)
  7. Police etc entry authority (5)
  8. Peak horn of moon (4)
  9. Quotable (8)
  10. Restrict, imprison (7)
  11. Public, open (5)
  12. Ghana capital (5)
  13. Relaxation of tension (7)
- DOWN
1. Punic War general; Leo star (7)
  2. Part of body; vault intersection (5)
  3. First-rate (3-5)
  4. With all ideas exhausted (2,4,3)
  5. Neat (4)
  6. "Lost" girl (Winter's Tale) (7)
  7. Room under church (5)
  8. Erupt, escape (prison) (5,3)
  9. A poison; can rise (anag) (7)
  10. Playhouse (7)
  11. (Of) bedtime drink (5)
  12. Gather (odd bits) (5)
  13. Travel permit (4)

SOLUTION TO NO 1119  
ACROSS: 4. Prevail 7. Heath 9. Loner 10. Grosser 11. Count 12. 14. Uninhabited 17. Draught 19. Truro 21. Rural  
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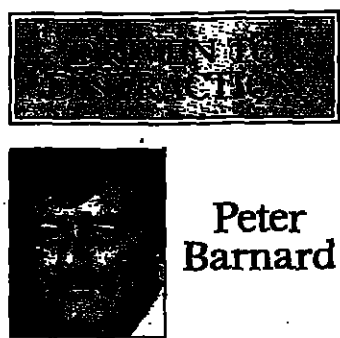
The Government looks set to introduce 20mph limits in built-up areas, but is failing to tackle similarly dangerous problems on dual carriageways

## New road policy isn't up to speed

The announcement by Gavin Strang, the Transport Minister, that he is reviewing speed limits has been taken in some quarters to mean that there may be a *quid pro quo* in the shape of increased motorway limits. This is not so: we shall not shortly be whizzing along motorways at autobahn speeds. Indeed, Mr Strang's move will cover traffic management as well as pure speed.

There is a near certainty, however, that the main outcome will be a 20mph limit in built-up areas. Many places already have such a limit, for local authorities can apply to the Government on an individual basis.

So a wider 20mph limit will be accepted without much dissent, because the Government will focus the need for speed reduction on



Peter Barnard

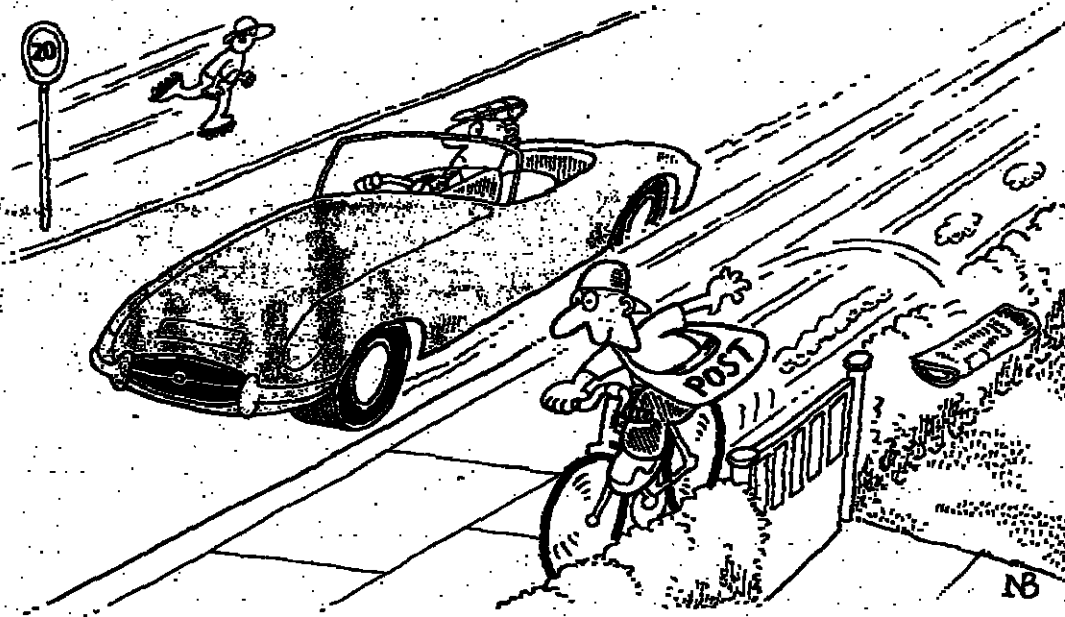
stopping children being knocked down while playing in the street.

This will be yet another example of the motorist having to pay for the ills of society. The blunt truth is that children should not be allowed to play in busy residential streets but it happens for several

reasons, including irresponsible parents and hopeless planning. Many of the street accidents involving children are caused not by speed *per se* but by on-street parking, which restricts the vision of both driver and child. Yet we still build housing estates and council blocks without safe play areas and with inadequate off-street parking. Putting right those wrongs would cost billions of pounds, whereas lowering the speed limit is cheap.

There is a better case for installing speed cameras in urban zones and retaining the 30mph limit, but that would also be an expensive process. And there is no guarantee that the lower limit will have any effect on maniacs who drive at crazy speeds.

The Department of Transport says that because speed limits on



their own are ignored by many people, the emphasis will have to be on traffic management. So we are likely to see a combination of lower limits and engineering measures, including humps and chicanes. I hate these things, but their spread is inevitable.

Opponents of lower limits will find no comfort in the statistics. An

increase of one mile an hour in the average speed of traffic raises the death toll by 7 per cent and increases the number of accidents by 5 per cent. Drivers may well feel frustrated by speed limits, but they have the desired effect.

Having read this far, you may think I have suddenly become a champion of Government trans-

port policy. This would never do. Let me look for something Mr Strang ought to be doing, but probably won't. Ah yes, dual carriageway speed limits.

You may remember the Batheaston by-pass: nearly everyone in the little village of Batheaston, near Bath, wanted the road, but Swampy and his mates

did not. But it was built, is now open... with a 50mph limit. This is very odd and it is by no means peculiar to Batheaston. I have driven on four dual carriageways with 50mph limits just in the course of researching this column.

The national speed limit for dual carriageways is 70mph, the same as motorways. I happen to think that is ridiculous, but I also think that nothing frustrates drivers more than a limit that has no logic.

Take Batheaston: we are reduced to 50mph on the dual carriageway, but as soon as the dual carriageway turns into the single carriageway A46, the limit ends. So, on a more dangerous road, the limit increases to 60mph.

That is plainly absurd, and to overcome the absurdity I will offer Mr Strang a deal that I think most motorists would support. He should reduce the national dual carriageway limit to 60mph. In exchange, there would be no 50mph dual carriageways except where the road has frequent roundabouts or traffic lights.

This plan will enable Mr Strang to make two clear safety moves: reduce a limit to cut accidents and increase a limit to cut frustration, a factor which leads to accidents. Over to you, Minister.

### NEWS IN BRIEF

#### Chrysler's new Neon flasher

JUST 21 days were needed to sell out the British allocation of Chrysler Neon cars last year. Customers wanting to take advantage of the high-specification American mid-range model should start placing orders with the company's 98 dealers now as



US import sells quickly

Chrysler adds still more equipment to the car. The new 2.0SLX gets alloy wheels, front fog lamps, anti-lock brakes, air-conditioning and automatic transmission for £14,250.

MAUREEN Harris of Lincolnshire; Marilyn Stenler, of Surrey, and Pat Hope of Sussex, won our ride with rallying's fastest women at next weekend's Goodwood Festival.

#### MG safety on a roll



Choice of two finishes

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#### Sales coup for coupé



Orders await new CLK

MORE THAN 1,600 orders have been logged for the new Mercedes CLK coupé on sale next week. Mercedes expects to sell around 3,000 a year, at £26,640 for the 200 Sport and Elegance, £30,840 for the 230 Kompressor Sport and Elegance and £36,640 for the 320 Sport and Elegance.



Mike Pepper logs in each car's registration numbers, which are checked for legitimacy before the facts go to the auctioneer's screen

## Paper's going, going, gone

Car auctions, one of the few spheres of the motor industry to remain in a time-warped state for decades, are moving towards the 21st century as computers begin to replace the mounds of paperwork that have overwhelmed the auctioneer's desk and the offices behind him.

In a revolution which would baffle Arthur Daley, National Car Auctions is relying on new technology to sell cars at the best prices. From the moment a vehicle arrives at the company's gates to the time it is delivered to its new owner, computers take charge. At the beginning of the line, staff with hand-held Husky computers record every imaginable detail of the car arriving for sale, while the auctioneer has learned to master a touch-sensitive screen as skilfully as his gavel.

The result is a massive

#### Tony Dawe on an auctioneer's high-tech bid

saving of time, money and paper, plus the ability to track details of a car throughout the operation and thwart scammers such as the "ringing" and "clocking" of second-hand cars. "This has been a paper-driven business for too long," says Ron Leader, chief executive of National Car Auctions. "Every sale can generate 30 pieces of paper, from collection notes, through engineer's reports and fraud checks to confirmation of sale."

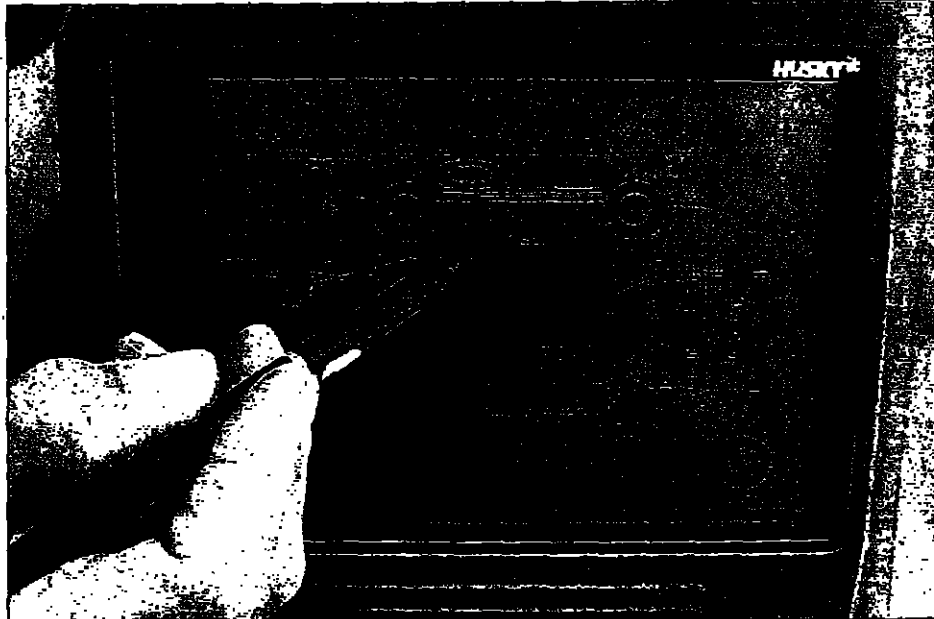
"There is tremendous scope for things to go wrong, for a vital document to go missing. Getting all the pieces of paper together in the same place at the end of the day could prove

a nightmare, so I started to look at ways of getting rid of paper from the business."

Leader sought the help of the Ford Motor Company, a major client, to help achieve his aim. "I asked the company how we could take information from them electronically, deal with it here electronically, auction the cars electronically and send the details back to them electronically."

With Ford's co-operation and software from AT&T, National Car Auctions can now sell vehicles used by the motor company's staff with minimal documentation. "The only paper we produce is a report to Ford, which the company's auditors need, and a hard copy invoice for the purchaser," says Leader.

The paperless exercise begins when the Ford cars arrive at NCA's headquarters at Frating, near Colchester, Essex. Armed with their hand-



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held computers, which were developed by the Army for use in rugged conditions, Mike Pepper, the entry supervisor, and his team log in the registration numbers using a computer pen and then scroll down the screen to find the model and colour of the car in front of them.

"It takes an average of seven minutes to mark every detail of the car, including interior decor and dents, on the computer," says Pepper. The information is then downloaded via telephone line from the shed that serves as his base.

In the company's offices, the computer file on each car is amended as details about MOT certificates and security checks are received. Auction catalogues are generated by computer. When the car finally enters the auction room, Glen Moore, the senior auctioneer, refers to his screen instead of a sheaf of papers. Clearly displayed in front of him are the car's lot number,

its registration plate, mileage, age and model, and, most importantly, its reserve price. A couple of lines will outline its history and MOT details. In seconds the sale will be over and Moore can hit one of the buttons which read "sold", "not sold" and "provisional sale" on his screen.

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### ROADWORKS

● **LONDON**  
A1209 Bethnal Green Road. Long-term roadworks between Vallance Road and Cambridge Heath Road.  
A11 Leytonstone. Major roadworks with lane closures at A12 roundabout.  
A4 Pall Mall. Roadworks on westbound carriageway at King Street and Waterloo Place.  
A302 Westminster. Roadworks on Bridge Street by Parliament Square.  
A306 Hammersmith Bridge. Closed both ways to general traffic for structural works.  
A408 Upper Edmonton. Major roadworks on Angel Road (North Circular) over Lea Valley viaduct.  
A4 South Kensington. Major roadworks on Cromwell Road. Regular delays from Earls Court or beyond.  
B317 West Kensington. North End Road closed northbound from A4 to A215, with one-way traffic southbound. Edith Road to Hammersmith Road.  
● **SOUTH-EAST**  
M40 Buckinghamshire. Long-term roadworks with contraflow between junctions 1a (M25) and 3 (Wycombe East).  
A127 Southend. Roadworks on Victoria Avenue at junction with Caernarvon Road.  
M20 Junction 4, West Malling, Kent. Long-term works for erection of traffic signals on the slip roads and lane closures. Various lane closures.  
M40 Oxfordshire. Resurfacing work between Watlington and Oxford. Drivers heading to junction 8 of the M40 from Oxford are advised to use A40 and A418.  
M25 Junctions 8-10, Surrey. Restrictions and lane closures both ways between Reigate and A3.  
● **SOUTH-WEST**  
B4051 Bristol. Ashley Road, Saint Pauls. Temporary lights at junction with Sussex Place.  
M5 Junctions 18-19, Bristol. Contraflow across Avonmouth Bridge with 50mph limit.  
A40 Cheltenham, Gloucestershire. Temporary lights for roadworks on Old Bath Road.  
A3088 near Yeovil. Carriage Link Road closed. Diversions.  
● **MIDLANDS AND EAST ANGLIA**  
A1 Alconbury, Cambridgeshire. Construction work with contraflow and lane closures.  
A1 Peterborough. Works at the Haddon Interchange with repairs to the A1M.  
A6 Lockington, Leicestershire. Long-term roadworks between M1 junction 24 and Sawley Island. A1074 Norwich. Narrow

lanes eastbound on Dereham Road.  
A500 Stoke-on-Trent, Staffordshire. Contraflow on The Queensway (D road), with only one lane open each way between Talke and Portliff.  
A50 Stoke on Trent. Major construction work at Meir. A41 Northampton. Temporary lights on Bilston Road, near Cooper Street.

● **NORTH**  
A688 between A19 and A1185, north of Middlesbrough at Wolveston, reduced to one lane.  
M62 East Riding. Carriageway reduced to one lane both ways between Howden and North Cave with 50mph limit.  
Blackley, Greater Manchester. Major roadworks at junction of Rochdale Road, Victoria Avenue and Manchester New Road.  
A663 Chadderton. Contraflow on Broadway near Foulden Lane.  
A567 Booter, Stanley Road closed northbound between Merton Road and The Strand.

A19 North Yorkshire. Major roadworks with two lanes each way between Thornaby-on-Tees and Billingham. Only one lane on some slip roads. 50mph limit.  
M1 West Yorkshire. Major roadworks continue around Leeds junction with lane closures and speed restrictions. Expect delays on M1, M621 and Dewsbury Road.  
A1058 Tyne and Wear. Cradwell Bypass down to one lane each way. Diversions.

● **SCOTLAND**  
M8/M898 Renfrewshire. Erskine Spur exit slip closed, as is the exit slip from M898 to M8 westbound.  
A726 East Renfrewshire. Works and temporary lights on Clarkston Toll. Delays on all approaches.  
● **WALES**  
A48 Carmarthen. Lane closures at Painsan roundabout, also on the A484, for roadworks.  
A449 Monmouthshire. Roadworks between Usk junction and A4 junction 24 Newport. Expect long delays at times.  
A483 Fabian Way, Swansea. Lane closures both ways near the docks entrance on main dual carriageway into Swansea from M4.  
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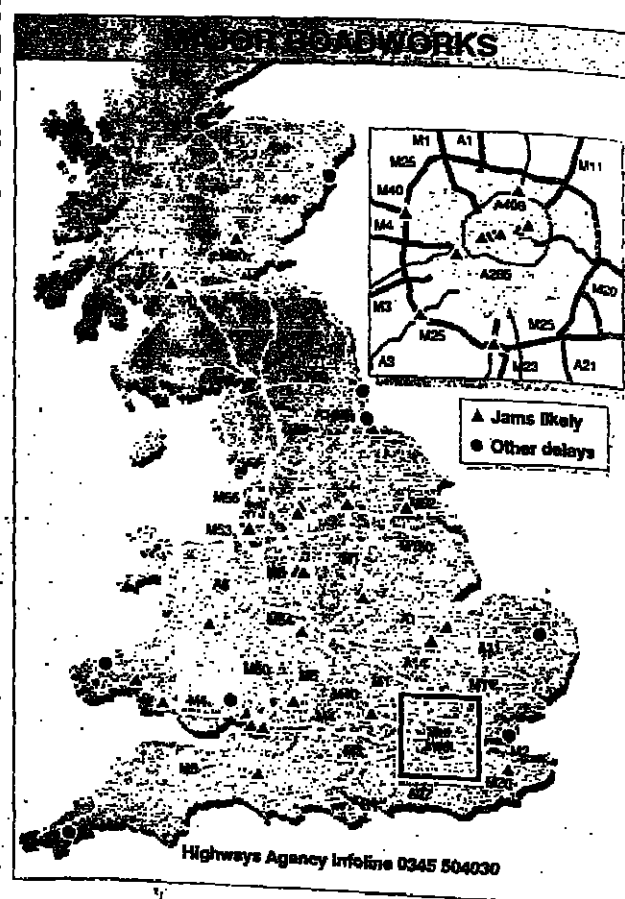
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Kevin Eason previews Britain's beloved race — the Le Mans 24 hours

# Can Panoz score a sneaky gotcha?

**While Noel Edmonds' team hopes for a surprise win, other Brits have a strong chance**

More British than a British Airways logo, more romantic than dinner with Mel Gibson, more exciting than the Cresta Run: Le Mans is the most evocative name in world motor racing.

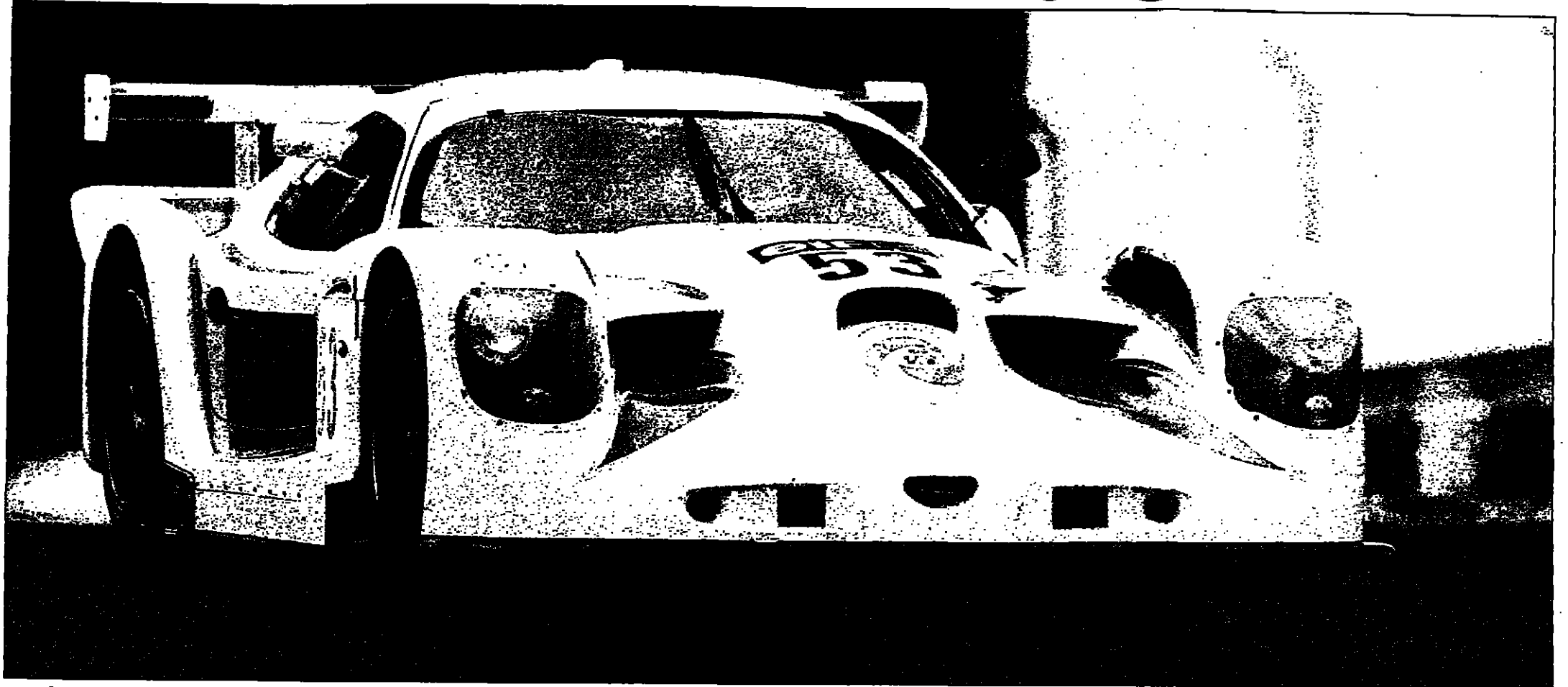
The 24-hour endurance race starts this afternoon with one of the most competitive grids for years, and 70,000 Brits will be there to watch — the biggest crowd of enthusiasts outside of the Silverstone grand prix.

The curious hold of the event over the British is a theme that runs through Le Mans like Blackpool through a stick of rock. It is not just that British-made cars dominate the grid or that British drivers have been immensely successful at Le Mans, but somehow the cross-channel bond has survived every up and down in the Franco/British relationship.

W. O. Bentley is revered by the little town's inhabitants, who constantly refer to the marque's series of four victories in the earliest days of the event. Maybe that is where the bond was formed, for the Bentley boys in their roaring open-top monsters created a legend: dashing, aristocratic, courageous and devil-may-care.

Whatever it was, Le Mans holds a place in the affection of British race fans like no other — which is what attracted Noel Edmonds, who will be in the pits following the fortunes of his Panoz team this weekend.

Panoz exemplifies the romance of the race: a supercar built by the entrepreneurial Irish-American, Don Panoz, engineered by Reynard in Oxfordshire, raced by the seasoned British team, David Price Racing, and backed by Unique Sport, the company owned by entrepreneurial television star Edmonds. The front-engined



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But anything can happen over 24 hours, when reliability is sometimes tested to destruction and drivers lose concentration in the dark hours of a long night with devastating results.

Edmonds is optimistic: "The works teams obviously are geared up for an event like this but we have a great car, great drivers and anything can happen over such a long period of racing."

The best chance of a victory on a first Le Mans appearance should fall though to Martin Brundle. The grand prix television commentator and ex-Formula One racer will be lead driver for the astonishing



Panoz-backer Noel Edmonds

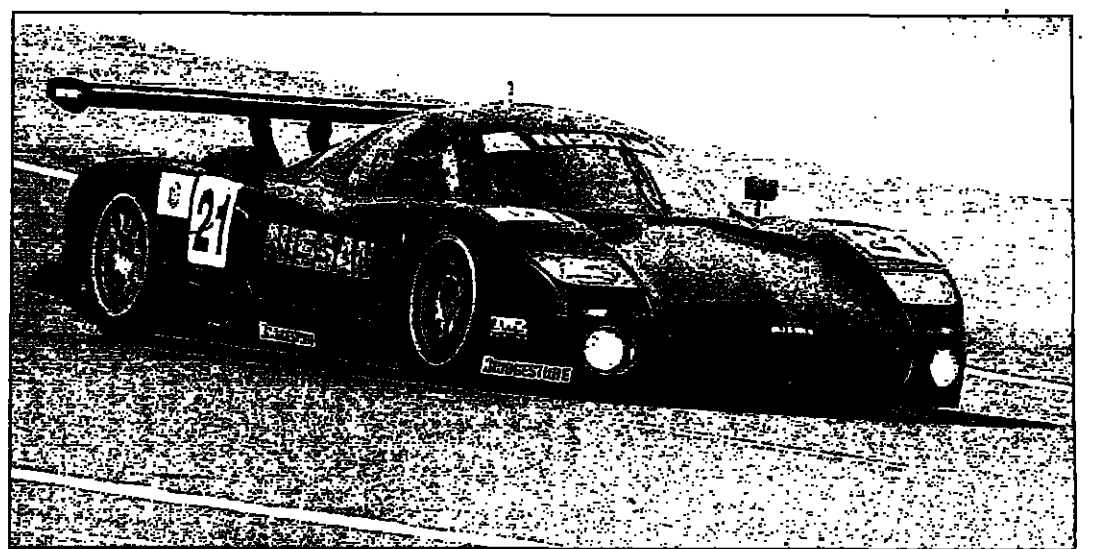
TWR Nissan, which set the fastest time in pre-qualifying.

The car is not only beautiful, its chassis is prepared by TWR, the Oxfordshire team that prepares Damon Hill's Arrows F1 car and which won Le Mans twice for Jaguar. It also made the chassis for last year's Joest Porsche.

The twin-turbocharged V8 looks to be reliable as well as quick, while the team not only boasts Brundle but also the experience of Ricardo Patrese, former long-time F1 star.

But Brundle will have to pedal furiously to get past the McLarens, which this year come freshened for the new battle with longer, aerodynamic tails. They still look the pick of the field, as the huge BMW V12-powered McLarens are both powerful and reliable — and they won two years ago.

Armchair enthusiasts can follow their fortunes on television with the race live on the Eurosport satellite channel. The race also features in two television specials planned by Noel Edmonds following the fate of the Panoz team. Check *The Directory* television section in *The Times* for details.



TWR Nissan, driven by ex-Formula One racer Martin Brundle, was fastest in pre-qualifying



Sound, fury and twitchy steering: D-Types offer no passenger comfort or wind-protection, but so what?

## Driving the D-type legend

**Vaughan Freeman on Jaguar's beautiful 1950s hat-trick winner**

It is 40 years since one of the most famous and evocative cars to have graced Le Mans took the last of its three-in-a-row victories.

The car was the D-Type Jaguar, which had won Le Mans in 1955 and 1956. In 1957 though, the hat-trick was recorded in crushing style as D-Types routed the opposition to take first, second, third, fourth and sixth places on the twisting track.

Only a handful of the cars that raced at Le Mans still survive. Many, having finished their careers were returned to Jaguar's Coventry works and scrapped. Others that did survive to race in historic car events have since been destroyed.

So to sit in £1 million worth of 1950s Le Mans Jaguar D-Type in the pit lane at the Goodwood race track is astonishing. I was at Goodwood with the 96 Club, a collection of like-minded enthusiasts-cum lunatics.

This is a return to an age when racing drivers in baggy boiler suits sprinted across the Le Mans track to leap into their cars and roar off to glory. It is also horribly uncomfortable.

I was passenger in the ex-works 1955 car, painted, of course, in British racing green. This long-nose D-Type actually ran at Le Mans, driven by champions Donnan Hamilton and Le Mans winner Ivor Bueb.

The D-Type's token passenger seat was cunningly designed so that an L-shaped

aluminium bar hit into my backside. With knees forced up to the chest by a minimal footwell, my legs weaved in and out of wiring looms and various other bits and pieces. I couldn't leave my feet down there too long anyway — the floor gets so hot that shoes have been known to melt.

Even the minimalist perspex screen makes no effort to protect the passenger. Once speeds got into three figures, a hurricane roared into my visor and lifted the helmet so that the strap threatened to garrote me. All this was forgotten as I hurtled around Goodwood.

At the wheel was Chris Keith-Lucas, of Sussex Jaguar specialists Lynx Motors, who lives and breathes D-Types. As we built up speed

the car squirmed, slipped and slid as if alive. The truck-sized steering wheel twitched, and over the helmet intercom I could hear less than reassuring "whoahs" from my pilot.

Chris waxed lyrical: "The original D-types are slightly twitchy and have a sharp performance, but they are endless fun to drive. The cars have a lovely note to them."

They are also, without a doubt, one of the most beautiful cars ever built. Modern Le Mans races are won by brutal-looking machines. Beauty had sway when Jaguar and its D-Types ruled Le Mans in the late 1950s, and rivals included such exotic names as Ferrari, Aston Martin and Maserati.

The D-Type made its Le

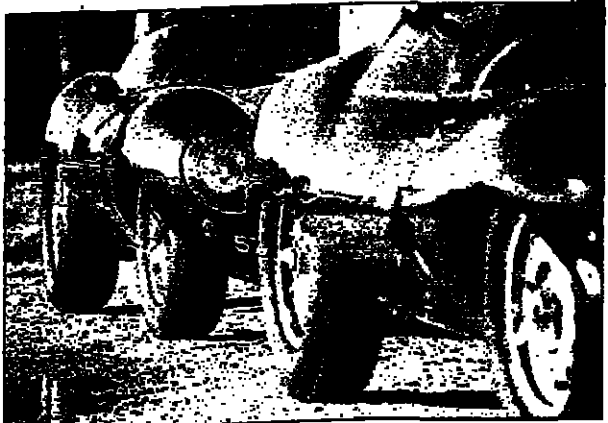
Mans debut in 1954, and the long tail fins, introduced to improve straight-line stability, made the cars instantly recognisable. The first D-Type victory came with Mike Hawthorn and Ivor Bueb averaging over 107mph for the 24 hours.

Two years later, the winning D-Type, driven by Flockhart and Bueb, averaged 114mph, faster than the average speed of 108mph set more than 20 years later by the turbo-charged Porsche that took first place.

During the 1966 race, two of the works Jaguar team D-Types crashed early in treacherous conditions and Hawthorn's car developed problems. The race was won by the Ecurie Ecosse D-Type of Ron Flockhart and Ninian Sanderson.

Shortly after the 1956 Le Mans race, Jaguar pulled out of motor racing, and its cars were transferred to the Ecurie Ecosse team. In 1957 an ex-works Ecurie Ecosse D-Type driven by Flockhart and Bueb won the race, and D-Types took all top six places bar the fifth slot which went to Ferrari.

The D-Type had snaked its place in history, and together with the 1951 Jaguar XK120 victory and the 1953 C-Type Jaguar win, rooted the Jaguar name to its motorsport heritage, a tradition that lived again three decades later with the Jaguar XJR victories of 1988 and 1990.



Not just historic — these machines cost a million each

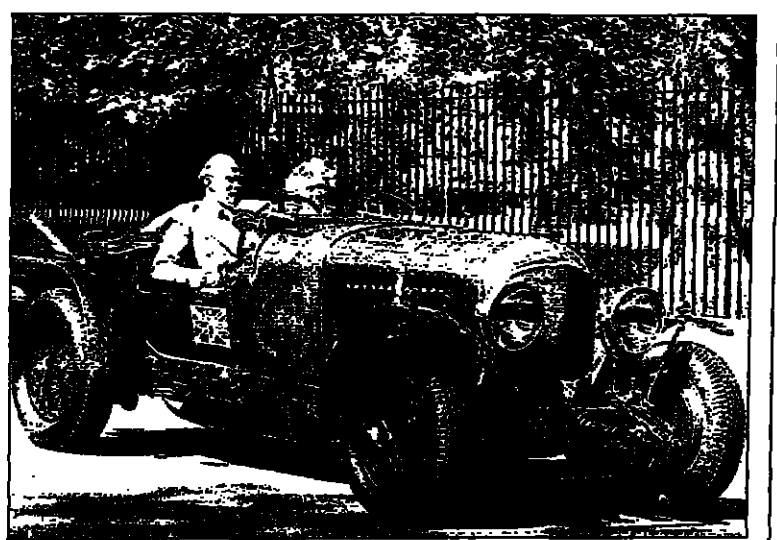
## British fans' birthday celebration

**This year marks Bentley's famous win**

ODD THAT after 70 years, the legend is as strong as ever, writes Kevin Eason. The Le Mans crowds never applaud louder than when a motorcade of Bentleys serenely tours the circuit. Spectators can even congregate at W. O. Bentley square in the town.

Yet Bentleys have not won at Le Mans since 1930, though admittedly the famous British marque did notch up a string of four wins in a row. The first, in 1927, was the most famous though, as the redoubtable Dudley Benjafield and co-driver Sammy Davis nursed their car to the chequered flag after having been involved in a devastating accident.

To celebrate the anniversary, Prince Michael of Kent is joining members of the Benjafield Racing Club to drive a 4½-litre Bentley to the race today where he will be welcomed by loyal enthusiasts.



Prince Michael of Kent and Stanley Mann drive a 4½-litre Bentley

**Walter Harris on the millionaire driver who built his own machines**

Drivers will climb out of their boiling cockpits every two hours to get through this weekend's race at Le Mans. Briggs Cunningham drove the entire race on his own... and with the distinction of doing so in his own car.

Born into one of the richest families in America in 1907, Briggs Swift Cunningham became captivated by cars early in life, and encountered few obstacles in realising his automobile ambitions.

Cunningham's cousin, the Colliers, owned a Madison Avenue advertising agency, and like Cunningham, became involved with motor racing. Influenced by the English *Autocar* magazine and the construction of Brooklands, they decided to build a similar track at their estate at Sleepy Hollow, on the Hudson near West Point. They also founded the Auto Racing Club of America.

The Colliers and their cousin raced against each other: Mike Collier had gone in for international motor racing before the war, but Cunningham wanted to do more than simply race cars designed and built by other people. He wanted to construct and race his own.

Le Mans was the focal point of the Cunningham's entry in racing. The Cun-

## America's solo endurance hero



Briggs Cunningham, left, at the 1952 Le Mans race

ningham équipe, in its blue and white racing livery, first appeared at Le Mans in 1950.

In those days, if a driver had the stamina and the endurance, there was nothing to stop him from staying at the wheel for the whole 24 hours, which Cunningham did, except for a couple of laps, when he handed the wheel to his co-driver. But suspecting that his habit of tripping over restaurant ta-

bles might have more to do with his eyesight than mere clumsiness, Cunningham resumed driving himself, managing to keep awake and put his eponymously named car firmly on the racing map.

America, which had never been particularly interested in races other than the Indy and lesser national events, began to realise that the Cunningham car and its creator were something to be

proud of. In spite of his privileged background and riches, Cunningham earned lasting affection and respect in his own country and abroad.

After 1964, the last year in which Cunningham cars raced at Le Mans, Cunningham entered teams of Jaguars, Porsche 904s and Maseratis.

Over the years Briggs built up a vast collection of cars, incorporating at least one example of every marque ever built. This was housed in hangars at Sleepy Hollow, and in 1951 was augmented by the purchase of a Bugatti Royale — only six were ever built. Weighing more than three tons and with a 148mph top speed, the Royale needed a driver of Cunningham's calibre to handle it.

Sold at auction at the Royal Albert Hall for £5½ million, the Royale is now in South Korea, the property of the head of Samsung Electronics.

Cunningham's collection became a museum, open to the public and transferred from Sleepy Hollow to the Collier's Florida estate and on to Naples. It is a tribute, rather than a memorial, to a man who made his marque.



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My other joke is amusing: Britain's love of car stickers and other drollery lives on, says Simon Hacker

## 'Furry dice are still our favourite eyesores'

A generation on from the Wayne and Tracy survivor strip attached to a Vauxhall Viva, we're still desperately seeking stickers. The modern motor has evolved into a technological wonder, but drivers remain as passionate as ever about turning their cars into moving citadels of limp humour.

Halfords, Britain's largest supplier of plastic rhetoric, says there is still a strong demand for the kind of wit that spawned such unforgettable as "If you can read this, you're driving too close", or "Recycled Ferrari". But it believes the market has matured. The most popular buys in 1997 show health, patriotism and security top the agenda.

The best-selling sticker today is actually for other occupants — "No Smoking" — followed by the Union Jack and "Alarm Fitted", a spokeswoman says. Cute parrot shapes and fluffy feline outlines are, however, still "immensely popular" and the classic furry dice are still hanging in there as the most popular in-car eyesores.

Behavioural analysts interpret car stickers as a friendly gesture from one fellow driver to another. "We can't communicate as we might before cars were invented," says psychologist Rob Woods. "So we use stickers foremost as a way of simply saying hello. If you want to establish membership

### TOP SELLERS

1. No Smoking
2. Union (Jack) flag
3. Warning: Alarm Fitted
4. Keep Your Distance
5. Baby on Board
6. Child in Car
7. EU flag
8. Bell up
9. Flag of St Andrew
10. National flag of Wales

of a certain subculture, a sticker becomes a badge of belonging.

Surfers might go for "Hot Tuna" or "Fat Willy's Surf Shack" as a badge for an unconventional lifestyle, he says, while others prefer to proclaim social responsibility by indicating that they slow down for horses.

While commuters spend more time fuming in traffic and reports of road rage increase, the RAC believes a badly-timed sticker might help to raise the temperature on summer roads.

"If it's words to the effect of 'Up yours, pal' and you've just cut someone up, it would probably induce a reaction," says safety expert Kevin Delaney.

Any sticker-spotter worth his salt will tell you that the craze began with the Lions of Longest, back in 1966. The UK's first safari park hit upon the idea of issuing "We've seen

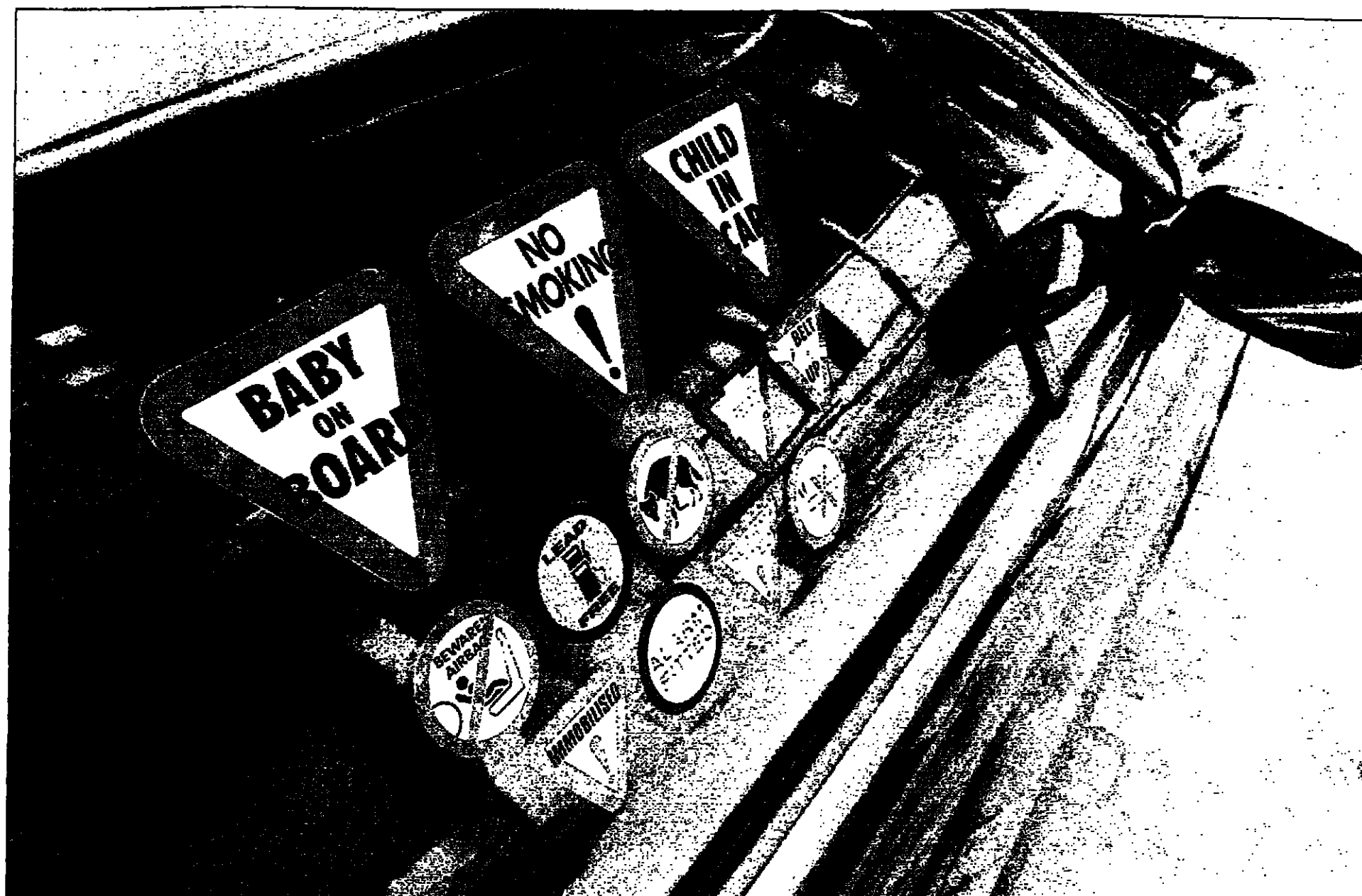
the Lions of Longest" stickers as car passes.

Tourist traps from Madame Tussauds to Legoland have followed suit and the trend has gone global. As you read this, Toyota drivers are cruising round Tokyo, telling all and sundry that their occupants have been to Alton Towers.

Scour the acres of kitsch, however, and there is the odd glimmer of post-modern intellect to be appreciated: "When God created men, she was only joking," is, apparently fairly droll to some women. Equally, "My other car's a Porsche" might be faintly

amusing when stuck ironically on to a 911.

But if you're overwhelmed with the desire to reach out and communicate with the hapless fellow who finds himself behind you, be sure to be economical: sticker collecting can prove illegal. The law on rear visibility is covered by the Road Vehicles Construction and Use Act (1988), which can lead to prosecution for "failure to maintain glass or wind-screen so as not to obscure the vision of the driver". Driving with too many stickers, comes under the Act and is covered by a non-endorsable £20 fine.



It's a stick-up: obscuring the driver's vision by covering windows with jokes and declarations can land you a £20 fine under the Road Vehicles Construction and Use Act

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Nasty signs may cause rage

### HAS YOUR CAR BECOME A MOBILE BILLBOARD?

THE MESSAGE on the sticky-backed plastic would often be enough to make a Blue Peter presenter blush — and they don't have to be confined to the rear wind-screen. The message is usually blunt, and quickly delivered to its target audience.

Which is why advertisers have been quick to realise that the motorist and his or her sticker could be useful in delivering messages about their products.

"The best way to promote a message," says Sven Olsen of advertising gurus, Banks Hoggins O'Shea, "is to get it on to the streets — and there's no better way to get to a captive audience sitting in a traffic jam than on the rear window of the car in front."

Garages, never backward in coming forward, usually take the opportunity to make the motorist their advertising vehicle without even bothering to ask permission or offer the recompense of a small fee.

Jim McKechie, sales manager at Dutton Forshaw in Aylesbury, Oxfordshire, says Nissans begin their driving lives bedecked with a 12in by 3in dealership sticker, but many return for their first service without them.

"A lot of customers strip them straight out, but we have to put up with some pretty awful replacements. Many of our team are traumatised by bad-taste stickers, but dead, sun-bleached Garfields are definitely the worst."

## The inner-space craft

### ROAD TEST

Ian Morton  
on Mazda's  
subtle new 626

The Japanese have a word for it, *kaizen*, which means continuous improvement. It matters not if a new car gives a first impression of being blandly updated interpretation of the model it replaces, as long as it incorporates *kaizen*.

Although the new Mazda 626 — launched today in Britain, the company's fastest growing market — re-uses the existing floorplan, chassis and engines and does not exactly take a giant stride into a new era of design, it abounds in logical progress.

Much of it has emerged from Mazda's new styling centre in Germany set up to assimilate European virtues, tastes and needs.

To the informed eye, there are sundry visual differences, including the smile-shaped grille which Mazda is adopting as its family look, but the central impression is of a chunkier overall presence for, despite having the same wheelbase as the old model at 15ft, the new car is unusually and significantly five inches shorter.

A classic space-management exercise has taken place. All the interior dimensions are increased and there is a bigger and better-shaped boot too. Usable space is emphasised by greater simplicity of interior styling.

The control area is frankly plain — a positive step away from the sort of complex, glossy presentations that drivers of executive and larger family cars have become familiar with. Some sort of purification process? Whatever, it is easier to get used to.

Yet the specification is richer in practical ways. Even the basic five-door 1.8 at £13,960 includes "intelligent" air-conditioning (a set-and-forget system which accounts for the IAC badge on all new models), electric windows all round, electric mirrors, remote central locking and 60/40 split rear seating.

There are eight models in



Externally the European-styled Mazda is smaller, but interior space has increased



### MAZDA 626

Prices: £13,960 to £18,760.  
Engines: four-cylinder, 90bhp 1.8-litre; 115 and 136bhp 2-litre; five-speed manual or four-speed automatic.  
Performance: (manuals only) 1.8: 0 to 60mph, 12.5 secs, top speed 112mph, 37mpg average; 2-litre: 0 to 60 in 9.8 secs, top speed 124mph, 35.6mpg; 2-litre: 0-60, 9 secs, top speed 130mph.

approachable even on a banked circuit.

But there was no doubt at all about the improvement in handling. The steering of the old 626 might be described as pleasant enough most of the time, but vague at decisive moments. Hustle the 1990s-designed model into a corner and it throws its weight on to the outside front wheel, the

suspension engaging in harsh and noisy fisticuffs with any road roughness while the back-end hints that it fancies an outward-bound course.

Now try the new car: steering is still cushioned, even remote, but it has acquired a responsiveness that boosts confidence while the plunging motion has gone and the suspension absorbs bumps instead of fighting them.

Noise levels, not excessive before, are further subdued. The 136bhp engine sounds and feels unstrained even when approaching its 6,600rpm maximum, and at 70mph in the manual (a creditable 2,600rpm in the automatic), it is barely humming a tune. Wind noise is slight too. If anything is to intrude on motorway conversation it will be road texture, but even the most coarse comes through as just a deep rumble.

This car is going to impress anyone using it as a daily work tool and over long family journeys. If its improvements are soberly presented, they are still real and practical.

### A TIMES NEWSPAPERS COMPETITION

## Play Fantasy Formula One Prizes worth £40,000

Tomorrow's Grand Prix, in Montreal, is the seventh race in our £40,000 Fantasy Formula One competition which offers a £25,000 grand prize to the manager who heads our leaderboard after the European Grand Prix at Jerez, Spain, on October 26. In first position on our leaderboard after the Spanish Grand Prix is N Rowe from Totton, Southampton. His team, What Ales! Bunch!, has 4,696 points.

TO ENTER If you have not yet entered a team into our £40,000 competition use the panel, below right, to make three selections from each of the four groups and call 0891 405 001 (+44 990 100 311 outside the UK).

THE PRIZES The manager with the best team score after the European Grand Prix on October 26, will win the first prize of £25,000 courtesy of our sponsor Marlboro World Championship.

Prizes of £10,000 and £5,000 will go to two runners-up. The manager with the most points in the Canadian Grand Prix will win a trip for two to the British Grand Prix on July 13. The runner-up will get a Sony PlayStation and Formula One game worth £250.

TRANSFERS You can change up to four selections before the French Grand Prix by calling 0891 555 994 (+44 990 100 394 ex UK) before noon Thursday, June 26. Your new team must have three selections from each of groups A, B, C and D. The first three drivers you select will be your prediction for the British GP bonus points.

CHECK YOUR SCORE Check your score and position after the Canadian Grand Prix on 0891 884 648 (+44 990 100 348 ex UK) with your 10-digit PIN number. Lines will open on Wednesday.

### OUR LEADERBOARD AFTER THE SPANISH GRAND PRIX

POS	TEAM NAME	MANAGER NAME	POINTS
1	What Ales! Bunch!	N Rowe	4696
2	Parkhurst Racing	L Danson	4631
3	Tetch-Meisters Racing	B Day	4556
4	Team Julius II	C Gale	4518
5	Aston O	L Ackland	4504
6	Cheats	J Yeo	4499
7	The Chequered Flags	A Cooper	4494
8	Waite Racing F1	P Waite	4483
9	For Front Racing	E Wilkins	4478
10	Team Tifos 1	P Bester	4469
11	John Hunt 8	J Hunt	4467
12	John Hunt 10	J Hunt	4467
13	Tired And Exhausted	P Wilson	4462
14	John Hunt 23	J Hunt	4445
15	Darwin G P	B Young	4440
16	Watson Boyd	C Watson	4439
17	Greek Gods	D Amastasis	4421
18	Rapide Racing	P Woolley	4421
19	Petunia	Staszkiwicz	4414
20	Geepee 8	C Nicholson	4412
21	Bernie's Boys	W Patterson	4412
22	Rascasse	S Slater	4409
23	Jacques Jaguar	J Roets	4408
24	Sour Mash	R Owers	4402
25	Pirate Moose	G Pau	4395

### MAKE 3 SELECTIONS FROM EACH OF THESE FOUR GROUPS

The first column of figures in light type after the names shows the Fantasy Formula One Spanish GP race scores, the second column the total competition points so far

DRIVERS GROUP A					
01 D Hill	20	155	07 M Hakkinen	113	637
02 M Schumacher	123	696	08 D Coulthard	118	447
03 J Villeneuve	154	698	09 R Barrichello	37	339
04 E Irvine	101	699	10 H-H Frentzen	115	576
05 J Alesi	130	575	11 J Herbert	125	446
06 G Berger	109	653	12 M Salo	38	589

DRIVERS GROUP B					
13 O Panis	159	689	19 G Fisichella	118	516
14 J Verstappen	118	506	20 S Nakano	35	344
15 U Katayama	8	397	21 N Larini/Morbi	96	557
16 P Diniz	43	267	22 J Trulli	89	486
17 R Rosset	0	0	23 J Magnussen	111	404
18 R Schumacher	48	305	24 V Sospiri	0	0

CONSTRUCTORS GROUP C			CONSTRUCTORS GROUP B		
25 Williams	30	79	31 Arrows	-20	-93
26 Ferrari	23	130	32 Sauber	22	56
27 McLaren	21	77	33 Tyrrell	6	49
28 Benetton	24	103	34 Minardi	2	46
29 Jordan	-2	25	35 Stewart	4	-14
30 Prost	15	63	36 Lola	0	0

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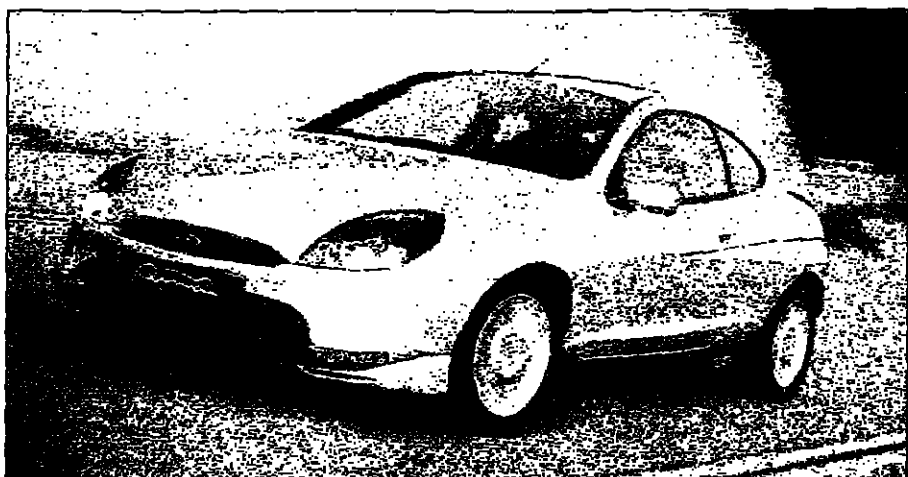




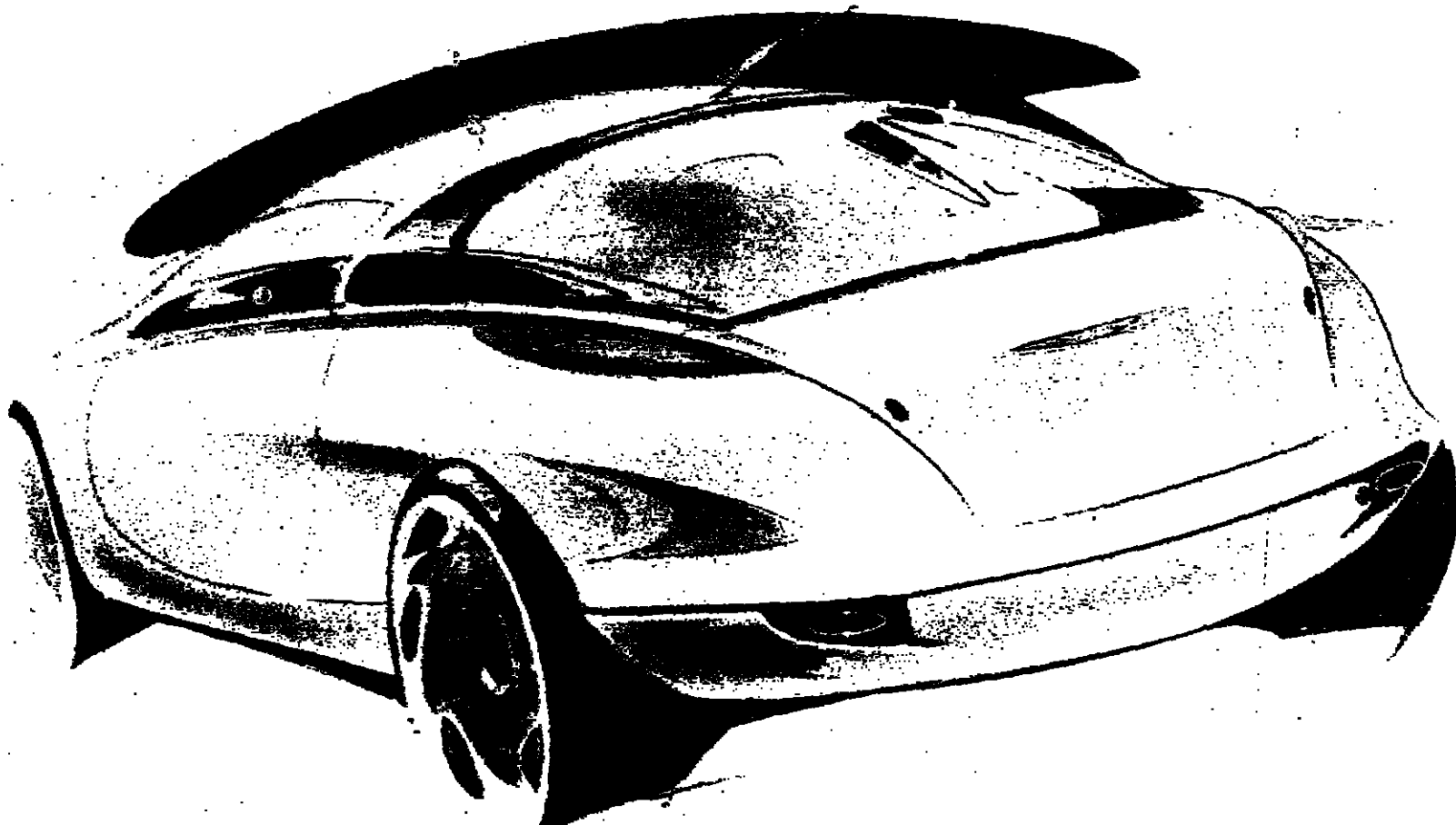


It's goodbye to the drawing board: **Stuart Birch** on Ford's first car wholly designed on a supercomputer

## Clever mouse virtually gives birth to Puma



Straight off the grid: the coupé took 135 days from first sketch to final approval



The design team created 50 sketches over a weekend, many via electronic pens

It may have taken God seven days to create the world, but in terms of new car creation, Ford has done well with its new Puma coupé: 135 days from first sketch to design approval. And it is all down to the miracle of computer power.

That power is such that Ford says, given the chance, it could compute the returns of every UK taxpayer — 30 million — in fewer than ten minutes. The company's Triton computer can deal with the phenomenal number of calculations needed for a frontal crash simulation in just 15 minutes.

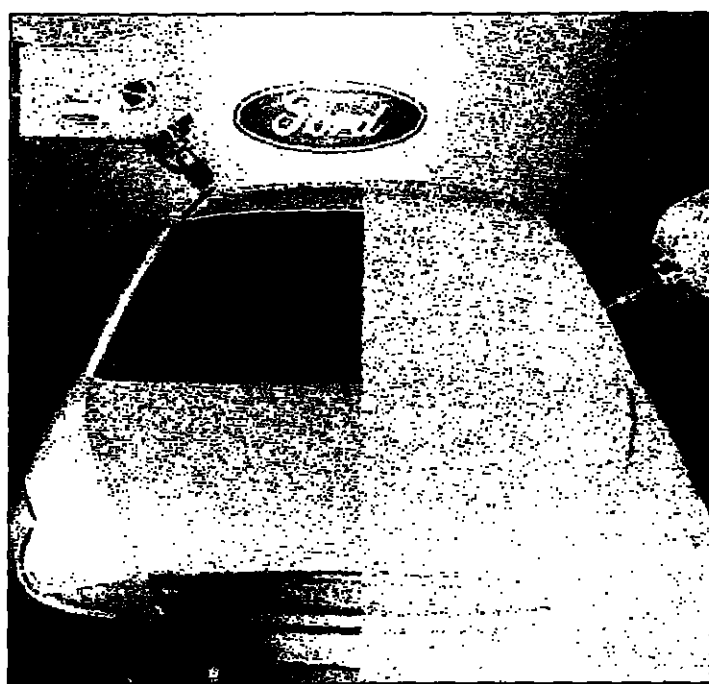
The Puma is a significant car for Ford, the first designed completely on computer, says Claude Lobo, director of design at the company's small and medium vehicle centre which is based both in Britain and Germany. "We can build a virtual vehicle on computer," he says, "covering every aspect from design to crash testing, from ride and handling to interior packaging."

In future, physical prototypes will primarily be used just to verify

computer work. Ford reckons the computer technology used in its design process is now ahead of every other car manufacturer. It has spent heavily on computer-aided industrial design but is confident that, overall, it will save time and money. "It also allows designers greater freedom to express their creative talents and to make changes in their designs easily and quickly," adds Lobo.

Late in 1993, the company decided it needed a new small coupé based on the Fiesta platform. The design team was asked for ideas and over a weekend came up with 50, some drawn with pen and paper, many created via an electronic pen on a pressure-sensitive pad. Some of the designers used their powerful workstations — each with a processing capability equivalent to about 15 personal computers — at home.

The 50 designs were reduced to six and turned into three-dimensional mathematical data models on computer, with aerodynamics, crashworthiness, cooling and body



Ford used computer-driven milling machines to build models

stiffness assessed. Designers and engineers worked together from the start, allowing technology and aesthetics to be quickly modified and design development time to be cut. The six designs were pruned to two and animations produced. Ford says it has more animation processing capacity than Disney used for its film, *Toy Story*.

Ford also uses video compositing, which takes the pre-computed animation and places it in a "real world scenario". So a showroom can be videotaped with actors walking around a turntable to evaluate a vehicle — even though it is not physically present. This video sequence is mixed with pre-computed animations of a car rotating on a turntable and then projected through a high-definition television system to be watched by an invited audience, who give their opinions.

Traditionally, that has been done at "clinics" with the real car on show. Now that is unnecessary. Using computer animation, several clinics can be held on the same day in different countries.

But creating a three-dimensional model remains a vital element of the design process, says Lobo. "I don't think we will ever reach the stage of not having a physical model to evaluate before giving the final go-ahead for a design. We live and function in a three-dimensional world. Any good designer needs to relate to a design as it actually exists as a solid object."

At Ford though, even the creation of that solid model has changed — again thanks to computers. Its design centres in Dunton, Essex, and Merkenich near Cologne in Germany, have been equipped with a computer-driven, five-axis milling machine. Ford believes they are the most advanced in the automotive industry. Once the Puma design on computer was close to maturity, the data could be fed to the milling machine, which produced a highly accurate physical full-scale model.

Material used by the machine may be clay, foam or synthetic

wood. Operating with the dexterity of a surgeon, it can even take the computer-generated data to create a tiny, Dinky-sized Puma less than 10cm long.

Because Ford's design centres are linked by the company's "electronic umbrella" communications system, a design created on computer in Essex can be sent electronically to any other Ford design centre, including those in America, Japan and Australia.

But a concern with all this computerisation is that cars might become soulless lumps of machinery, like refrigerators or cookers. Lobo is well aware of the danger.

"Technology is a means to an end, not an end in itself. Car design is not just about hitting keys on a computer keyboard. Technology is simply a tool. It does not replace the creativity and innovation of the designer or modeller. Design is about emotion, passion and spirit. The role of design technology should be to help develop these human traits to increasingly high levels — not replace them."

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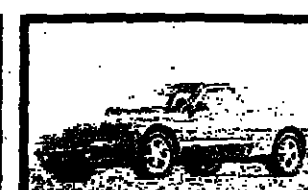
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